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APPENDIX.

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Proceedings of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, held in Greenville, March, 1830.

To the Baptists of North Carolina:

BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—The annexed minutes will announce to you the fact, that an institution has been recently organized, bearing the name of The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. You will also learn from the subjoined Constitution, that the primary objects of this Convention are, the enlargement and intellectual improvement of the ministry, and the supplying of destitute churches and sections of country within the limits of the State.

It is well known to those who have thought on the subject, that the policy of the Baptists of North Carolina has been singularly unfavorable to the interests of the denomination; that while other christian communities have been causing their plans and their resources to take effect among us, and while the Baptists of many of our sister States have been engaged in multiplying the number, and in elevating the character of their ministers and their churches, we, the Baptists of this State, have been practicing a system, in almost all respects calculated to limit our resources, to paralize our energies, and to impede our advancement in the progress of literary and evangelical improvement.

As we have had in operation no measures for the instruction of persons called to the ministry, those whose talents and attainments had been such as to induce a relish and a desire for the advantages of study, have been led to neighboring States, in order to secure the facilities they sought. And as our churches have generally wanted the means, and in very many cases the inclination, to afford their ministers a just and adequate compensation, those whose services were most valuable have been withdrawn to other sections of country, where they were offered that support which was denied them at home. The natural and necessary tendency of these things has been, not merely to prevent the ingress of valuable men from abroad, but also to drain the State of the best talents of native growth, and to leave behind only those whose qualifications were not of sufficient value to command the attention of churches in sister States. We do not mean to assert that the operation of these causes has been such as to leave no exceptions; but we mean that, like other efficient causes, their effects have been constant and uniform. And [illegible]onfidently believed, that to the agency of these causes is to be at[illegible]ed that depressed state of the ministry in North Carolina which [illegible]made it almost a by-word and term of reproach throughout the [illegible]ntry.

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In support of the above reasoning we appeal, directly and briefly, to facts; facts which the more enlightened and discerning part of Baptists have long observed and lamented, and in relation to which we fear no contradiction. Let the history of the Baptist church in this State, for the last twenty years, be attentively reviewed; let the names of those who grew up amongst us, and who are now occupying important stations in other States be recapitulated; let the present condition of our minis

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try and our churches be re-examined; let the enlargement and prosperity of the denomination in some other States be observed; let the causes of all these things be carefully and fearlessly looked into; and then let it be said, whether or not our reasoning is conclusive, and whether or not we have referred existing evils to their legitimate origin.

And it is to be borne in mind that the causes which have hitherto operated and engendered so much detriment, if not arrested, will still continue to operate and to propagate their pernicious consequences in an increased ratio. In proportion as the neighboring States, by their present enlightened policy, multiply the facilities for improving candidates for the ministry, and increase the demand among their churches for pastors of superior qualifications, in that same proportion will they augment their liability to extract from us whatever of talent and attainment may grow up amongst us. And in proportion as society advances in intellectual acquirements, and as other denominations present their ministers of cultivated manners and enlightened minds, just in that same proportion, our ministry, and of course our churches, must fall behind in power and respectability; and there is nothing short of a miricle that can avert the threatened mischief, but a seasonable and well directed effort to do away the causes of evil already considered. The Baptists of North Carolina may inveigh against education, and the claims of ministers, and the employment of missionaries—and they may go on to persuade themselves that God's ministers shall be compelled to preach, whether supported or not; and that God will do His own work, in His own time, independently of human agency; while their brethren of other States are draining away their efficient ministers, and those of other denominations are coming in and possessing the land; but they have got to learn, at last, that there is no way of preventing the natural effects of efficient causes, but by the application of adequate means. Like the mutinous limbs in the fable, they may blindly resist the natural means of their own support, until the principle of life be past recovery; but they will see, in the end, that others will avail themselves of the opportunities which they refuse, and thus become possessed of the objects, which oththerwise, they might easily have acquired.

We are sincerely glad to know that North Carolina Baptists have begun to open their eyes to these matters; that they have begun to see that something must be done; and that some of them are resolved to put forth an humble, but a well directed effort, in behalf of the interests of the denomination in the State. It is this liberal view of things, and this determined spirit of zealous and benevolent enterprize, that have led to the organization of the Convention, of which it is our present purpose to treat. And although it is now but just begun, and although it behooves its advocates to speak of it in terms of the most measured moderation and humility, yet we do venture to believe that it promises more to the Baptists of North Carolina, than any human institution ever yet offered to their consideration; and that it shall exist and multiply its advantages, when its projectors and present supporters shall rest from their labors, amid "the clods of the valley."

In favour of the utility and expediency of this institution, but [illegible] things need now be said. It is a truth, at this day almost self-evident, to say the least, it is one to which observation and experience have [illegible] long and so uniformly borne their testimony, that there are few, if any, who doubt it—that, to accomplish any purpose of a general and arduous nature, combined and systematick operations are absolutely necessary. And accordingly, to secure the objects proposed in the constitution of the Convention, namely: to improve the ministry, and to enlarge and multiply the churches of the Baptist denomination in the State, a general system of united and harmonious movements is indispensable.

To secure that systematick co-operation, which was deemed requisite, no plan seemed so eligible as that which proposed to form the convention of delegates or representatives from the several associations, churches and auxiliary societies which might see proper to patronize its objects. By this means, it was believed that all who contributed would be enabled to exert a proportional influence over their respective contributions; and that that influence might be so adjusted and combined that the whole might be concentrated to any given point and directed to any given object, as the collected wisdom of the whole might dictate. But a small degree of discernment is requisite to perceive the efficacy of a system like this, judiciously directed and sustained by the aid of even *one-fourth* of the Baptists in the State.

It is almost needless to say that the expediency of such a system of exertion is not now to be tested by experiment. Institutions of this kind are known to have been in the most successful operation in many of the sister States for years. The experiment has therefore been made, and the expediency of the system has been fully and repeatedly demonstrated. In carrying into effect the measures proposed, therefore, the friends of the institution risk nothing. They proceed upon ground already gone over; they act upon principles already developed and tested. So that the contemplated result is just as certain as is the connexion between a cause and its natural effects.

The only point from which a failure can be apprehended, is a want of prudent and well sustained exertion, conformable to the articles of the constitution. No work of any sort can be effected without power. The most luminous policy, the sagest counsels, and the best selected plans, will accomplish nothing without effort: and, of course, it will avail nothing, that the Baptists of this State have given existence to a Convention, and modeled it after the most approved and successful institutions of the day, unless it receive that support which is necessary to carry it into effect. Here, then, is the weak place. This is the point, and the *only* point, where danger is to be apprehended. And this is wholly within the reach of the Baptists of the State. Consequently, if a failure ensue, to them and to them only it is to be attributed.

We are aware that many objections will be urged against the institution now proposed; and we accordingly proceed to anticipate some of the most plausible.

It will, no doubt, be asked if we have any scriptural authority for the formation of conventions, or of any such institutions? To this inquiry our answer is—that we have precisely the same scriptural authority for conventions that we have for associations, for colleges, for courts of justice, and for other similar establishments; and when those who object show us their scriptural warrant for the latter, it will be time enough to adduce ours, in support of the former.

It will doubtless be further objected, that the Convention is a *monied* concern. 'By money,' it will be said, 'its operations are to be sustained, and by money all its objects are to be acquired!' Indeed! And is the fact that money is essential to the successful operation of an institution, proof of its illegality, or of its non-conformity to the Scriptures? Then all churches and associations, and in a word, all institutions, whether civil or religious, are illegal and unscriptural; for they are all dependent upon the application of money.

But where, pray, is the great sin of applying money to the advancement of religion, and of the interests of the church of Christ? They who object to this, employ money to improve their farms and their houses, to educate and accomplish their children, to sustain the various political and literary institutions of their country; and in instances not a few, to gratify their taste, and to minister to their pleasure. Then why not em-

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ploy money for the support of Christianity—for aiding the cause of truth and morals, and for promoting the welfare of the *souls* of men? Let those, who declaim so loudly and so bitterly against the benevolent institutions of the age, because they require the application of money, proceed to prove, from the Scriptures, or from any other legitimate source, that it is unlawful, or in any way inexpedient, or improper, to apply money to the support of Christianity; and when they shall have succeeded in this, their declamation will be less inconsistent, if not more conclusive.

Moreover, we should be glad to be informed. in what age of the world the interests of religion were supported without money. It certainly was not in that of the Apostles. At that period, we will venture to affirm, money was as much in demand, was as freely given, and was as liberally and as efficiently applied to the support of Christianity, in proportion to the number and resources of the disciples, as it has been at any subsequent day. It was customary with the brethren at Jerusalem, upon becoming members of the church, to dispose of their property, if they had any, and to lay the proceds at the Apostles' feet, for the benefit of the whole. Acts 2. 45—4. 32—37. It is said of the church at Antioch, that when they learned the distressed condition of their brethren in Judea, they immediately proceeded to make up a sum of money for their relief, which they transmitted by the "hands of Barnabas and Saul." Acts 11, 29. In his epistle to the Romans, the Apostle Paul urged it upon them as one of their cardinal duties, to "distribute to the necessities of the saints;" and, in the same communication, he acquainted them with the fact, that the churches in Mccedonia and Achaia had already made up a contribution for the poor saints at Jerusalem. Acts 12, 13—15. 26. In his first epistle to the Corinthians, the same apostle laboured to prove, and did successfully and conclusively prove, by arguments taken from the natural relations of things, from the institutions of the Levitical Economy, and from the express and absolute appointments of the Lord Jesus himself the just claims of every teacher of religion to an adequate maintenance for himself and his family. 1 Cor. 9, 1—15. In the same epistle, he directed the brethren to lay by them in store, habitually, on the first day of the week, an amount, proportional to the degree in which GOD had prospered them, in order to make up a sum for the saints at Jerusalem; and at the same time he informed them that he had made a similar request of the churches in Galatia. Acts 16, 1—2. In his second letter to this church, he resumed the same subject, and occupied two entire chapters, in setting forth the duty and the advantages of making liberal contributions, to aid in the support of those saints who needed assistance. 2 Cor. 8, 9. In his epistle to the Galatians, the same apostle enjoined it upon the members of that church, as a solemn duty, and as a distinguished privilege, to administer to the comfort and support of their spiritual teachers. Gal. 6. 6—10, He commended the Philippians, because they had so frequently administered to his support, and that not so much because he needed their aid, as because it shewed the cheerfulness with which they complied with their duty; and because it afforded "fruit which would abound to their account." Phil. 4. 16—18. And to Timothy, the same apostle gave it in charge, to see that they who faithfully "laboured in word and doctrine," were justly and adequately provided for. 1 Tim. 5, 17—18. And the Apostle John strongly commended his friend Gaius, because he had so frequently and so liberally aided the necessities of those who had gone to preach the Gospel to the heathen. 3 John 5, 10. If these and other similar facts do not shew that money was applied, and commonly and liberally applied, to the support of Christianity in the Apostles' day, we may despair of finding conclusive

evidence in any case. Let those who are so loud and so liberal, in their objections to the application of money to the support of the Gospel, consider well all these and similar cases; and then, let them say, whether or not the practice in view, is a modern innovation. Let them consider, moreover, whether their present objections do not call in question, both the prudence and the integrity of the inspired apostles. And let them still farther consider, whether the Apostle John, were he present, would not speak of them, much as he spake of the famous Diotrephes, of whom he made memorable mention in the tenth verse of his third epistle.

It has been said, that Conventions similar to the present, are designed to beget a connexion between the church and state. This is certainly saying a great deal; and much more, we would think, than any conscientious man would permit himself to say, without the proof. But has this ever been attempted? In all that has been 'said and sung' on this subject, has any one ever attempted to shew, by a reference to the principles of these institutions, by an appeal to facts, or by anything else in the form of an argument that State Conventions are designed, or that they have the remotest tendency, to interfere with the government, either of church or of State? Those who profess so much zeal for civil institutions, and make this a pretext for opposing schemes of benevolence, remind us of the infidels in the Apostles' day, who endeavoured to alarm the fears of the civil authorities, by charging Christianity and its advocates, with a design to subvert the ruling powers of the state.

It will probably be said, as a further objection, that the education of ministers, one of the leading objects contemplated, is exceptionable; inasmuch as it is needless, unscriptural, and contrary to the nature and demands of the Gospel. We know that all this has been asserted over and over; but has the assertion ever been made good by evidence? We may have been told of the ignorance of the Apostles; but has it ever yet been proved that the Apostles were so ignorant as they have been said to have been? We may have been reminded of the usefulness of some men who were without education; but has it ever been shown that these men would not have been more useful, had they possessed greater literary advantages? We may have been informed, that "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, the weak things of the world to confound the mighty;" but have we ever been referred to the facts? Have we ever been shown these mighty men of valour? Have we ever been pointed to these giants of ignorance, who make such havock of the wisdom and might of this world? We would think that if there were such men, in our day, they ought to be found somewhere; and we would think, moreover, that their marvelous deeds would soon make them manifest.

It has always been a matter of wonder, to us, that men should object to knowledge in the man who ministers at the altar; when they deem it necessary in every other official station in life. Their mechanicks must be men who understand their business, and are expert in the use of tools; their school-masters must be men of letters, and well qualified "to teach the young idea how to shoot;" if they need a physican, they must have a man of science, and of professional skill; should they have a civil suit on hand, they are sure to apply to an attorney who understands the law, and who is of some eminence in his profession; but wonderful to be told? the man whom they select to minister "to them in holy things," to expound to them the mysteries of revelation; to lecture them on the lofty and intricate doctrines of morals and religion; and to whom they commit the culture and the keeping of their souls, and of the souls of their children and their servants, *must be a man of ignorance!!*

Another thing has struck us as very remarkable in this controversy,

and we are much surprised that it has never struck the opposers of education; and that is, that while uneducated men are frequently found among the advocates of a well-taught ministry, those who are in the opposition are, without an exception, so far as we know, men who have been denied the advantages of education themselves. Now is it true, that uneducated men, we should rather say, that ignorant men, are or can be proper judges in this case? Is it probable, or is it possible, that men, who in fact know not what education is, can be competent to decide upon its advantages or its disadvantages? To tell the truth, this looks very much like the declaiming of a beggar against the use and advantage of property; and it reminds us forcibly of the owl that quarrelled with the rays of the sun because they hurt his eyes.

It will of course be objected, that one of the professed objects of the Convention is the support of Missions. Now, allowing this to be so, has it ever yet been shown, or can it now be shown, why and wherein the support of Missions is objectionable? That many persons loudly affirm this is not doubted. But there is a wide difference between asserting that a practice is wrong, and showing that it is so. When men can prove that the practice and support of Missions is contrary to the Scriptures, or in any way incompatible with the genius of Christianity, then there will be an end to the argument. But until that be done, all the declamation that is poured forth on the subject must be allowed to pass for what it is worth.

But further, if the support of Missions is improper, in what, pray, does the impropriety consist? It must be either in preaching the Gospel to sinners, or in being sent to do this, or in being supported in the doing of this, by the voluntary contributions of Christian friends. Beyond this, we are utterly unable to conceive of any thing that can be made the ground of objection of any sort; because these three particulars comprise all the acts that are involved in the operation. Now will any man be pleased to inform us which of these items forms the objectionable part? Is it preaching to sinners? Then the Apostles were to be blamed; and so is every other man who faithfully preaches the Gospel. Is it being sent to do this? Then was the conduct of Paul and Barnabas exceptionable, when they suffered themselves to be sent away by the church at Antioch; and so was that of the twelve, and of the seventy, who permitted themselves to be commissioned and sent forth by Christ himself; and so is that of every minister who allows himself to be licensed, and ordained, and sent forth by the church of which he is a member. Is it in being supported in this by the willing contributions of the Christian community? Then the Apostle did wrong, and so does every man who suffers himself to take pay for preaching, whether it comes in the form of a charitable donation, or in that of a just recompense for value received.

It may possibly be replied here—it is not to missions, in the abstract, that we are opposed; but to the manner in which they are conducted. If this be so, we must confess that we have very much misunderstoed the nature and the ground of the controversy. But if it be merely against the manner in which missions have been conducted, that men object, then why not make the distinction—why not point out the defective part of the process—why not show us another, and a better way—and why endeavor to arrest the whole movement because of some supposed deformity in the machinery? Let these questions be answered, and let them be answered with Christian candor and simplicity.

It is to be understood, however, that the Convention does not contemplate the support of Missions, in the full and appropriate extent of that term. It is known that there are some towns, and many sections of country in this State, where, either there is no Baptist church at all, or if a church, no regular and effectual ministry. A wish has prevailed to

some extent, and it is believed to be neither an unreasonable nor an uncharitable one, to see Baptist churches in many places where they are not; and to see all under the superintendence of a faithful and successful ministry. It is a plain case, that where there is no church, there adequate resources for the immediate support of the Gospel, cannot be expected. And it is equally plain, that the insufficiency of a very large proportion of organized churches in the State, is nearly, if not quite, as great. It is the grand object of the Convention to supply these deficiencies. And in order to effect this it contemplates securing the services of such persons as Providence may raise up amongst us, or send to us from other quarters; furnishing them with a competent education, should they need it, and stationing them in the most eligible situations, and supporting them there, either in part or whole as circumstances shall require, until an adequate compensation can be procured from the respective fields of their labour. From this statement it is manifest that, although the object is strictly of a missionary nature, yet it differs from missions in general, in this, that it is literally a home concern; it is a State enterprise, in which the welfare and reputation of the denomination are involved, and in which many individuals are personally and deeply interested.

It will probably be asked here—does not the Convention contemplate a connection of some sort with the Baptist General Convention of the United States? and will not this necessarily lead to the support of Foreign Missions? The facts of the case so far as this question is involved, are briefly these. There are many persons in State who have been long desirous of contributing something to the important objects had in view by that Institution. In concerting the plan of the present Convention, it was deemed expedient to make some provision for the liberality of persons of this description. This was accordingly done, as may be learned from the Constitution, by proposing to keep a distinct fund for the purpose, and to pay into the Treasury of the General Convention those monies, and *those only*, that should be contributed for that special purpose. This explanation is made, not for the purpose of eluding any portion of the hostility, which is usually waged against Foreign Missions, for all missions are substantially the same; but for the purpose of having it distinctly seen, that the primary object of the Convention, at present, is to repair the waste places of our own State.

There is but one more objection of which we can now conceive, which merits attention, and that is one which has often been made to similar institutions, and which will no doubt be brought against this, namely, that it is a pecuniary scheme got up for the purpose of gulling the simple, and filling the pockets of its projectors and abettors. To this, it is sufficient to reply, that, as the projectors and supporters of this Institution are men, whose moral standing has never yet been called in question, it will be time enough to impeach their motives when the facts showing their guilt can be produced; and it will be time enough for them to proceed to their vindication when the charge shall be brought by responsible persons, and attended by at least the semblance of truth. This much, however, may be added, that it has been long proverbial, that they who have the least confidence in their own integrity, are the most liable to suspect that of others. And it may be further stated, that in order that every pretext for demur may be done away, and that the punctual application of all funds contributed may be clearly and fully demonstrated, an annual report of all collections and disbursements shall be regularly published.

Now, Brethren, Baptists of North Carolina, after having explained the nature and objects of the institution, which we propose, and stated the reasons why it has been brought into being, and considered the ob-

jections most liable to be urged against it, we proceed further to address you, in more direct and explicit terms. And to do this with the more convenience, we shall take the liberty to divide you into two classes, those who are opposed to our measures, and those who are inclined to advocate and support them.

And we would first speak to those who oppose our measures. Brethren, you who are averse to State Conventions, and to Missions, and to Education Societies, and who have carried your hostility so far as even to threaten with excommunication, those of your church members, who dare to think and act differently from yourselves in these matters, we wish it distinctly understood, that we have no *quarrel* with you, of any kind. We neither dislike nor envy you, nor do we despise you, nor yet do we *fear* you. We regard you as christians, as Baptists, and as brethren; but we consider you sadly mistaken, and we sincerely regret the loss of your servises in the important and interesting work before us. When we earnestly plead our arguments in favor of what we do, and patiently consider the objections which you urge against us, we do this, not for the purpose of justifying ourselves, nor yet for the purpose of justifying the cause which we advocate, but for the sole purpose of correcting your mistake, of reclaiming you from error, and of enlisting your services in the cause of the Redeemer in general, and in that of the denomination in particular. And we desire you further to understand that we shall go on with our undertaking, whether you aid us or oppose us. You may misrepresent our intentions if you choose; you may impugn our reputations, and you may conflict with our movements; but you cannot injure us, nor can you prevent the accomplishment of our plans. The improvement of the ministry, and of the churches of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina will be effected, and by the means proposed, either sooner or later. And it now remains for you to say whether you will take a part in this important and honourable work or not; whether you will spend your life in extending the knowledge of the gospel, or in opposing the endeavors of those who do; and whether you will put it into the power of your posterity, perhaps yet unborn, to honour you as their benefactors, or to reproach you as the authors of their privations and misfortunes. We would respectfully offer it as our opinion, that you would do well to consider this matter over again. See if you can get the *proof*, that the measures which you oppose, are incompatible with the gospel, and with the spirit of the christian dispensation; reflect upon the improbability that nine-tenths of the most enlightened and pious of the christian community should be mistaken on this subject; and remind yourselves of the singular responsibility of those who attempt to impede, even from conscientious motives, the spread of the gospel, the elevation of the churches, or the efficiency of the ministry. And should you, after all, consider yourselves scrupulously bound to *oppose* us, do it decently; do it gentlemanly; and do it with that dignified meekness which becomes christians, faithfully contending against what they believe to be error. But do not, as you respect the sanctity of the gospel, as you revere the dignity of the christian church, and as you honour the name of Baptists, do not permit yourselves to indulge in that low and scurrilous abuse, and to show forth that violent, vindictive and intolerant temper, which have been but too manifest among some Baptists of this State.

And secondly, we would address those who are favourably disposed towards the present and all similar institutions. Brethren, it is to you and to you *only* that we can look. We therefore make a direct and solemn appeal to your zeal, your benevolence, your self-respect, and your sense of duty. And we call upon you as disciples of Christ, and as members of the Baptist church, to put away all indifference and con-

scientiously consider what you *can* do, and what you *ought* to do, at the present pressing and important crisis.

You have been told already that the Baptists of other States have been long engaged in enlightening their ministry, in multiplying their churches, in augmenting the force of the denomination, and in enjoying the fruits of their enterprise. You well know that brethren of other denominations more zealous and more deserving than ourselves are stepping in and taking possession of ground which Baptists had long considered their own. In addition to this many of our churches are lying waste—the ordinances neglected—the administration of the word neglected—discipline neglected—the rising generation neglected—and all for want of competent teachers. Our ministers no sooner arise to some degree of eminence and usefulness, than they are either drawn from us by the commanding inducements of distant churches, or are forced away from us by the unkind treatment of those who envy their superiority. Too many of those who are left behind find it to be to their interest, and make it their business to keep the people in ignorance, to resist the improvement of the ministry, and to hold the churches in their present degraded and helpless condition. Antinomian error, with all its kindred absurdities, and all its demoralizing tendencies, is boldly and zealously propagated amongst us. And those who have professed to witness these evils and to deplore them, have either looked with stupid indifference, or vented their zeal in vain and fruitless complaints. And what is worse than all the rest, multitudes, for whom we are accountable, are hardening themselves in infidelity, sinking in profligacy, or dying in their sins for want of wiser management and more faithful dealing. These things make it but too plain that a deadly policy is clogging all our movements and infecting all our interests; that an odium, but too well merited, is gradually accumulating upon our name; that we are rapidly falling behind in the march of christian benevolence and enlightened and efficient godliness; and that the blood of those who are ruined through our neglect, is dying our skirts with crimson, and crying to Heaven for vengeance! And in setting forth this representation we have given no indulgence to imagination—we have made no offerings to fancy—we have simply and literally detailed facts—facts which can be sustained by evidence, and facts which many persons have long beheld with shame and regret.

And we would now solemnly ask you, is it not time that something were done? Is it not time that measures of some sort were in operation to check the growing mischief, and to bring about a better and more auspicious state of things? Is it not time that some organized and well sustained system was on foot to enlighten and enforce our ministry; to circulate purity, and health, and vigorous action, through our churches; to wipe the contracted infamy from our name, and to elevate the Baptists of North Carolina at least to a level with those of sister States?

And if so, if the time to favour Zion has come, by whom is the work to be effected? By those of sister States? Certainly not. Although some of them have actually proffered their assistance, surely we have no claim upon their munificence, nor can we, with honour, consent to accept it. By those who are in the opposition? They are content with their lot, they are well pleased with their ignorance, and they ask not, neither are they willing to accept, the advantages we contemplate. To whom, then, can we go, to whom can we appeal, from whom can aid be asked or expected, but from you, Baptists of North Carolina, who have been made to differ from others in the State, and whose eyes begin to be opened to your duties and your necessities?

Do you ask what kind of aid we desire you to render? Our answer is, we desire you to aid us with your prayers, with your influence, and with

your *money.* You need not now be told why your prayers are needed. Nor need you be reminded of the importance of your influence, and your personal exertions, in carrying into effect the various operations proposed. But you may not be fully apprised of the necessity which there is for your *money.* Let it be recollected, then, that *money is power;* and power which is indispensable to the execution of every human enterprise. With money, armies can be raised, navies can be built, fortifications can be erected, and empires can be enlarged and supported; with money, canals can be cut, seas can be drained, mountains can be levelled, and all the different departments of science and of the arts, of commerce and of agriculture, can be sustained and perfected. But without money, no one of these objects can be attained. And money is an agent not less powerful and not less indispensable, in religious than in secular operations. With money, Christians can be fed and clothed, places of worship can be erected, Bibles can be printed and circulated; and with money, ministers may be maintained and educated, and afterwards located and supported, in any given sections of country. And without money, or its equivalent, neither of these things can be accomplished. As has been seen, it was so in the days of the Apostles, and it will ever be so, until those who are engaged in the support of Christianity, shall be exempted from the wants common to human nature. When such exemption shall be effected, when ministers shall be able to live without eating and drinking, and in a word, without any of the conveniences or necessaries of life, then, and not till then, will there be consistency in exclaiming against demands for money, and expecting the religion of the gospel to be sustained and propagated without it.

And permit us to say, that with such aid, even in very moderate proportions, we feel assured of the attainment of our object. With prudent measures, the blessing of God, and adequate funds, no reasonable doubt can exist, that the plans proposed will be carried into successful operation. There is now a number of young men waiting to be employed, and reasonable hopes are entertained that others will be raised up as they can be provided for; so that there is nothing now needed, in the whole compass of human agency, but adequate funds, suitably applied. Will you, then, furnish us with those funds, to be appropriated according to the provisions of our constitution?

And when we thus request the favour of your aid, we wish it distinctly understood that our expectations are moderate and humble. We contemplate no noisy, impetuous eruption, which shall smoke, and blaze, and thunder for a season, and then dwindle down to the stillness and insignificance of a taper, or become entirely extinct. We want not to awaken in you that imprudent and intemperate zeal, which, in the nature of things, must soon cool; nor is it our wish to see you put forth those premature, disproportioned exertions, which will soon exhaust your strength, and leave you reduced, and languid and unfit for future service. What you do, we wish to be done by the impulse of those fundamental principles, love towards God, and benevolence towards men, the operation of which is uniform, constant and enduring. And, accordingly, our desire is, that you should deliberately "count the cost," calculate your own resources, and determine what you can afford to give, and to give annually, without detriment to yourselves, or injustice or inconvenience to your families; and then proceed to the undertaking with that determination which never falters, and with that perseverance which never falls short of its object.

It may not be out of place, perhaps, to specify more particularly some of our calculations. There are, in North Carolina, fourteen Associations, which comprise 272 churches; and these churches contain upwards of 15,360 members. Now, let it be supposed that one-half of these churches

will see proper to patronize the Convention. Let it be supposed, also, that one-half of the members in these last mentioned churches, will become contributors to its funds. And let it be supposed further, that each of these members shall contribute but 25 cents a year, or, which is about the same thing, two cents per month. This, as may be easily seen by calculation, will produce an amount equal to the sum of 960 dollars each year. Should all the members of the patronizing churches pay the above sum, it would increase the aggregate to 1,920 dollars; and could all the members, in all the churches in the State, be induced to do an equal proportion, it would swell the annual amount to 3,840 dollars.

It will here probably be said with a sneer "It is much more easly to sit down and make calculations than to pay the money." If this assertion be intended to apply to the physical power requisite for the undertaking, though it may seem to have the force of an aphorism, we deny its accuracy. Can it be believed that there are many Baptists in North Carolina who cannot appropriate two cents per month to a benevolent object, without the least personal or domestic inconvenience? Then let one-fourth do what all, or nearly all, can do with the utmost ease, and the work is done! If there be any difficulty whatever in the attainment of the proposed result, it is not because the Baptists of the State want the power, but because they want the inclination. That there are many who want the inclination, we do not doubt, but for the sake of the good name of the denomination we would hope that we are not too sanguine when we count upon *one-fourth!*

Thus it has been seen that without taking into the account donations from individuals, and what may be contributed by Associations and Auxiliary Societies, which probably will amount to as much more, an annual amount may be produced of about 1,000 dollars. With the half of this, five young men may be supported in their studies, and with the other half, as many more may be materially aided in preaching the gospel to the destitute.

To carry into effect what we think has been demonstrated to be, not only practicable, but easy of accomplishment, let some active individuat in each church or each neighbourhood, who is desirous of being useful, and who is willing to devote a few hours in each year to the cause of benevolence, take upon himself to see that some simple system of management shall be originated, and kept in operation, for the annual collection, and punctual transmission to the treasurer of the Convention, of all such contributions as shall be willingly bestowed. In churches and Associations this can be done by such measures, and in such a manner, as these bodies may see proper to adopt. Out of the church, this can be effected by means of Auxiliary Societies.

And we would here add, that we look with the most earnest and confident expectation for the aid of our female friends, both in the church and out of it. Females have shared eminently in the interests of Christianity ever since its first establishment. The natural ardour of their affections, the acuteness of their sympathy, and their well-known patience and perseverance in undertakings of every description, have rendered them efficient agents in the support of the gospel, in every age of its existence. And these qualities, it is believed, are peculiarly adapted to the nature of our Convention, and admirably calculated to subserve its interests. Female benevolence, and female assiduity, extensively and constantly, but modestly and moderately employed, cannot fail to produce important results. We are, therefore, sanguine in our hopes, that our present appeal shall not be made in vain.

There is one more class in society whose co-operation we would gladly bespeak, and that is, those who, though not members of the church, are nevertheless well wishers to the Gospel, and decided friends to our de-

nomination. There are many persons in the State who, though not personal professors of religion, have habitually desired its prosperity, and as regularly administered to its support. Such persons have usually been among the first to lament the depressed state of our ministry, the languishing condition of our churches, and the general prostration of the denomination. Such, we doubt not, will hail the establishment of the present convention as the means of introducing a more acceptable order of things, and will cheerfully contribute their assistance to carry its plans into execution. And while we would remind them that a cup of cold water shall in no wise go unrewarded, we would also assure them that we will gladly and gratefully receive whatever offerings they shall be pleased to make.

And now—to an earnest and speedy concurrence in all that has been proposed, we have but one single inducement to offer; on that we shall rest our cause, and with that we shall conclude our address. *What is done at all, must be done quickly.* The hand that now writes shall soon be cold and stiff in the grave. The eye that shall trace these pages shall soon be wrapped in the dark folds of the winding sheet. The heart that beats warm with benevolence shall soon be as cold and as clammy as the clay by which it shall be pressed. He who now dozes, and deliberates, and delays, shall soon be roused from his spell of sloth by that summons which shall terminate, at once, both his drowsiness and his opportunities. Our fathers and predecessors, whether faithful or not, have been hurried from the field and are no more seen. Our co-evals are dropping, one after another, into the grave, leaving their work unfinished, and perhaps untouched. And we ourselves, whether prepared or not, shall soon give up our stewardship, forego all our opportunities of doing good, and enter that lowly, silent dwelling, "appointed for all living." Our doings shall soon become a subject of inspection to posterity, and be made a matter of praise or of reproach, in proportion as we shall be found to have been beneficial, or useless to mankind. And what is more than all the rest, our souls shall soon be in the presence of GOD, to account for the manner in which we shall have improved or neglected the favours of heaven, and to be rewarded or punished, according as we shall be found to have been diligent or slothful. Men and brethren! who live in the brightest day the world has ever seen—who are permitted to witness events which would have dazzled the vision, and startled the faith of Prophets and Apostles—who are favoured with opportunities which no preceding generation was ever permitted to enjoy—who sustain responsibilities more fearful, perhaps, than any which ever before oppressed the consciences of men—and whose passage through life is swifter than the flight of the weaver's shuttle; consider, we beseech you, who and where you are! Mark the surprising and momentous peculiarities of your situation! Let your own heart speak! and more need not be said. This single advocate will set up a plea within you more moving than the lofty pathos of Isaiah, or all the winning charms of Apollos; and an *appeal* which surely will not, *cannot* be set up in vain.

Written by Elder T. Meredith.

Proceedings of the Baptist State Convention.

Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Benevolent Society, held in Greenville, March 26th, 1830.

At half past eleven o'clock, an introductory sermon was preached in the Baptist meeting house by elder S. Wait, from Matthew 9th chapter, 36th, 37th and 38th verses.

At 3 o'clock the Society convened for business in the Academy.

PRESENT.

Raleigh—Elder P. W. Dowd and R. M. Guffee.
Craven County—Elder William B. Biddle.
Newbern—Elders Samuel Wait and John Armstrong.
Edenton—Elder Thomas Meredith.
Perquimmons—Charles W. Skinner.
Cumberland—J. McDaniel.
Tarborough—H. Austin, P. P. Lawrence and R. S. Long.
Greenville—Elder Thomas D. Mason, George Stokes and R. S. Blount.

Elder P. W. Dowd, Presedent, took the chair.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Elder T. Meredith.

Elder John Armstrong was appointed Assistant Recording Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Assistant Recording Secretary.

Resolved, That brethren Armstrong, Stokes and Lawrence be apointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, and report to-morrow.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Elder Thos. Crocker, in answer to one from the Board, requesting his services as a missionary, which was laid on the table until to-morrow.

The proceedings of the Board of Directors, at Tarborough, in June, and at Raleigh, in December last, were read and approved.

A committee for the supply of the pulpit was appointed, consisting of Brethren Austin, Lawrence and Skinner.

The following resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice :

Resolved, That this Soceity be transformed into a State Convention.

The following Constitution wes read and adopted by article :

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This institution shall be called "The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina."

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of GOD to the ministry, and approved of by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of missionaries within the limits of this State, and a co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of the United States in the promotion of missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This institution shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from Associations, churches and societies as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association, church, society or individual shall be entitled to send to the Convention one delegate who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who, with eighteen others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board, that of the Vice-Presidents, in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to correspond with societies or individuals, so far as the interests of the Convention shall require; and the Recording Secretary shall preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

ART. 8 The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, at such place as it shall from time to time designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the different objects of the Convention, subject to the provision of the Constitution.

ART. 9. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations and churches, &c., and endeavour to secure their co-operation with this institution, conformably with the provisions of the Constitution; but in no case to collect or transmit funds.*

ART. 10. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, commencing Friday preceding the third Lord's day in April, at such place as it shall from time to time direct.

ART. 11. The Convention shall require of its Board a specific report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

ART. 12. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting with the concurrence of two-thirds of its members present.

A committee was appointed to arrange the order of business for to-morrow, consisting of Elders Armstrong, Meredith and Mason.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Armstrong.

At evening, a discourse was preached by Elder P. W. Dowd.

MARCH 27th.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Biddle.

Brother J. Hartmus arrived and took his seat.

The Convention proceeded to the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Elder P. W. Dowd.

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* This provision is made for the sole object of obviating objections that are often made against the collection of funds by Missionary Agents.

Vice-Presidents—Elders W. P. Biddle, Thos. Meredith and Brother C. McAllister.

Corresponding Secretary—Elder John Armstrong.

Recording Secretary—Bro. R. S. Blount.

Treasurer—Bro. H. Austin.

Board of Directors—Breth. Charles W. Skinner and Henry A. Skinner, of Perquimans; Elder Thos. D. Mason, Greenville; Bro. Daniel Boon, Johnston county; Elder S. Wait. Breth. William Sanders and Elijah Clark, Newbern; Elder James D. Hall, Currituck county; Breth. Peter P. Lawrence, James Hartmus, Tarborough; Joseph B. Outlaw, Bertie county; W. R. Hinton, Wake county; Elder Jacob Rascow, Edenton; Bro. Samuel Simpson, Craven county; Elder Purefoy, Wake county; Elder James McDaniel, Cumberland county; Bro. G. Huckeby, Orange county; J. Holiman, Wake county.

Agents—Elder P. W. Dowd, Raleigh, Thos. Meredith, Edenton, Wm. P. Biddle, Craven county, Jas. McDaniel, Cumberland, Jno. Armstrong, Newbern, Reuben Lawrence, Bertie, Robert T. Daniel and Eli Phillips, Moore county, Jas. D. Hall, Currituck, John Purefoy, Wake, John Culpepper, Montgomery, William Dowd, Stokes.

The letter from Elder Thomas Crocker was referred to the Board.

Elder Thos. Meredith was appointed to prepare a Circular, to be attached to the report of the Convention.

A committee was appointed to enquire into the state and collect the funds of the Chowan Missionary Society. Elder Thos Meredith, Breth. C. W. Skinner and H. Skinner, committee.

A committee was appointed to enquire into the state and collect the funds of the Neuse Baptist Missionary Society. Elders Wm. P. Biddle, Samuel Wait and Bro. Samuel Simpson, committee.

A committee was appointed to enquire into the state and collect the funds of the Raleigh Baptist Missionary Society. Elder P. W. Dowd, John Purefoy and Bro. W. R. Hinton, committee.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Convention be held at the Cross Roads Meeting House, Wake county.

Elder J. Armstong was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, W. P. Biddle.

Elder Thos. Meredith was appointed to preach the sermon on Lord's day, in behalf of the Society, and in case of failure, Elder J. McDaniel.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account reported that they had examined the same and found it correctly cast and duly vouched.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Mason.

Sermon by Elder Biddle, at 11 o'clock.

At three o'clock, met agreeably to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Wm. P. Biddle.

Resolved, That the General Agent of the Convention, defraying his own expenses, receive for his services $35 per month.

Elder Samuel Wait was appointed General Agent of the Convention.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of these minutes be printed, and that the Corresponding Secretary superintend the same.

The Corresponding Secretary was directed to open a correspondence with the different Conventions of the Baptist denomination in the United States.

A delegation was appointed to represent this Convention in the next

sessions of the South Carolina and Georgia Conventions. Elders S. Wait, T. Meredith, J. Armstrong, J. McDaniel and P. W. Dowd.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wait.

Sermon in the evening by Elder T. Meredith.

LORD'S DAY.

Sermons by Elders P. W. Dowd, J. McDaniel, and John Armstrong.

MONDAY, March 29th.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Bro. Samuel Simpson appeared and took his seat.

Prayer by Elder Wait.

A committee was appointed to draft a Constitution, as a form for the organization of Primary Societies. Elders Sam'l Wait, J. Armstrong, and Bro. William Sanders, committee.

After a short address and prayer by the P resident, the Convention adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

RECEIPTS—FOR HOME MISSIONS.

1829		
Jan.	From the Tarborough church,	$49 00
	" Moses Baker,	1 00
	" G. Stokes,	10 00
	" J. Armstrong,	5 00
	" James McDaniel,	5 00
	" William R. Hinton,	10 00
	" Susan Dowd,	1 00
	" C. F. Dowd,	1 00
	" J. J. Davis,	2 50
	" E. S. Ely,	1 00
Dec.	" Public collection in Raleigh,	20 44
	" T. D. Mason,	10 00
	" Bethel Church, Wake county,	4 04
	" Raleigh Church,	10 00
	" Lucy Watts,	2 00
	" Daniel Boon,	10 00
	" John Holomon,	5 00
	" William Sanders,	2 00
	" R. S. Blount,	10 00
1830.		
March	" Charles W. Skinner,	25 00
	" Mary Satter,	1 00
	" James McDaniel,	5 00
	" Public collection in Greenville,	30 14
	" Elizabeth Kertermus,	50
	Amount for Home Missions,	$220 62

EXPENDITURES.

1829.			
Jan.	Messrs. Gales & Son, for printing Minutes, Constitution, &c.,	$ 12 75	
Aug.	The same for printing a circular letter to Agents,	4 50	
			$ 17 25
	Balance for Home Missions,		$203 37

EDUCATION FUND.

1830.			
M'ch.	Charles W. Skinner,	$ 25 00	
	Jesse Rountree, Sen.,	10 00	
			$ 35 00
	Total amount now in the treasury,		$238 37

H. AUSTIN, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION OF A PRIMARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the ——— Primary Society, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

ART. 2. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing the sum of —— annually.

ART. 3. This Society shall elect annually, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a suitable number of collectors.

ART. 4. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

The Secretary shall keep the records, manage the correspondence, and at each annual meeting of the Society make a report.

The Treasurer shall take charge of the money collected, and shall make a report at each annual meeting of the Society.

The Collectors shall collect the subscriptions, solicit donations from individuals friendly to the Society, and pay the same over to the Treasurer.

ART. 5. The officers of the Society, with the Collectors, shall constitute a Board of Directors, who shall meet from time to time, as the interest of the Society may require.

ART. 6. The Society shall be entitled to send to the Baptist State Convention one delegate, who must be a member of the Baptist Church, for every ten dollars forwarded to the funds of the Convention.

ART. 7. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on the——— when delegates shall be elected, and reports received, a copy of which shall be sent with the delegates, to the Baptist State Convention.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

REEVE'S MEETING HOUSE, CHATHAM Co.,

AUGUST 3—7, 1832.

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MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

WAKE.	
Cross Roads Church - - - - -	John Purify.
	John Robertson.
Raleigh do. - - - - -	William R. Hinton,
	William Hooper.
Wake Union do. - - - - -	Allen S. Winn.
Holly Spring do. - - - - -	Green Huckaby,
	John Holliman,
	James Dennis.
CUMBERLAND.	
Cape Fear Female Society - -	Samuel Mimms,
	James McDaniel.
Cape Fear Church - - - - - -	Charles McAlister.
DAVIDSON.	
Jersey Settlement - - - - - -	Richard Owens,
	Josiah Wiseman.
Lick Creek Church & Society -	Eli Carrol.
Liberty Church & Society - -	Peter Owen.
Congregation at Halaway's - -	James Brown.
Tom's Creek Church - - - - -	Matthew Skeen.
ORANGE.	
Mount Carmel Church - - -	Grey Huckaby.
Cane Creek - - - - - - - -	James Marrow.
Mount Moriah - - - - - - -	William Blackwood.
Antioch - - - - - - - - -	Lindsay Edmonds.
STOKES.	
New Friendship - - - - - -	William Dowd.
CRAVEN.	
Newbern - - - - - - - - -	John Armstrong,
	Elijah Clark.*
LENOIR.	
Hopeful Society - - - - - -	William P. Biddle,
	Sam. S. Biddle, David Jones.*
EDGECOMB.	
Tarborough Church - - - - -	Amos J. Battle, P. P. Lawrence.*
	H. Austin, Thomas Crocker.
CARTERET.	
Jarrat's Bay - - - - - - - -	Samuel Wait.
CHATHAM.	
Reeve's Chapel - - - - - - -	Warren Brooks.
Lane's Creek - - - - - - - -	Daniel Hackney, Elisha Siler.
Mount Gilead - - - - - - -	Thomas B. Armstrong.
Rocky Spring Church - - -	Elisha H. Straughan,
	Charles S. Fooshee.
Bear Creek - - - - - - - -	Joel Horton.
MOORE.	
Friendship - - - - - - - -	Eli Phillips, Sam'l Hutson,
	Noah Richardson.
MONTGOMERY.	
Cross Roads - - - - - - - -	Stephen Senter.
New Union - - - - - - - -	William M. Butler.
Kendal's Meeting House - - -	William Palmer.
Bethlehem - - - - - - - -	Joseph Gad.

ANSON.	
Cedar Creek	Gilbert Townsend.
Rocky River	John Culpepper, sen.
Brown Creek	Joel McClenden.
Bethlehem	John Culpepper, jun.
RICHMOND.	
Carthledge Creek	James Thomas.* Robert S. Thomas. Wm. T. Everet, Wm. Thomas jun.* Hen. Thomas
Saran	Alexander N. Nicholson.
Spring Hill	John Munroe, Charles Livingston.
FRANKLIN.	
Maple Spring	Allen Bowden, Benj. Bridges.
Flat Rock	Simon J. Jeffreys.
CURRITUCK.	
Providence Churh	James G. Hall.
GATES.	
Sandy Cross	Quintin H. Trotman.
CHOWAN.	
Edenton	Thomas Meredith.
IREDELL.	
New Hope	William Richards.
Society Meeting House	Paul Phifer.
LINCOLN.	
Hugh Quin	Hugh Quin.
DUPLIN.	
Concord	George W. Hufham.
Nahunga	John Oliver,* Stephen Graham, Henry Moore.
WILKES.	
Fishing Creek	Wm. W. Wright.
Briar Creek	Jesse Adams.
BERTIE.	
Sandy Run	Lewis Thomson, Wm. Horne.
Bertie Society	Turner Carter, Aaron J. Spivey.
PASQUOTANK.	
Elizabeth City	George M. Thompson.
Salem Church	Francis Fletcher, S. Pendleton.
SURRY.	
Flat Rock	John Angel, Thomas Wright.
NASH.	
Peach Tree	Benjamin Brown.
GUILFORD.	
James Town Society	Isaac Buson.
ROWAN.	
Eaton's	John Dismukes.
SAMPSON.	
Lisbon	George E. Fennel.
BLADEN.	
Beaver Dam Church and White Lake Congregation	Phillip Herrington.
BURKE.	
Globe Head Church	Reuben Coffee.

These marked thus (*) were absent.

PROCEEDINGS.

Chatham County, Aug. 3d, 1832.

The Members of the Convention, in connexion with a numerous congregation, having assembled at Reeve's Chapel, agreeably to previous appointment Wm. P. Biddle preached the Introductory Sermon from Rom. 10: 14, 15.—"How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed," &c.

Immediately after public worship the Convention was called to order by P. W. Dowd, President; who, having prayed, requested Wm. P. Biddle, first Vice-President, to occupy the chair.

Ministering Brethren present were invited by the President to take seats with the Convention; which invitation was accepted by William Lavur, Benjamin Lavur, Jesse Sowel, William Jones, Patrick Conely, George Purify, Josiah J. Finch, and Sam'l Dunlap.

Charles McAllister, Stephen Graham, Samuel Mears, [illegible] Huckaby, Robert S. Thomas, Matthew Skeen, and Aaron J. [illegible] were appointed a committee to examine the credentials of the Delegates and to receive the contributions with which they were respectively charged.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. T. Meredith prayed.

August 4th.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Prayer by William Hooper.

Thomas D. Armstrong, Turner Carter, Henry Moore, John Dismukes, and Gilbert Townsend were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for supplying the pulpit during the present session of the convention.

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of officers and managers for the ensuing year; which election resulted as represented on a subsequent page.

T. Meredith, T. Crocker, and Wm. Dowd were appointed a committee on Foreign Missions.

J. Purify, J. Culpepper sen. and G. E. Fennel were appointed a committee on Home Missions.

Wm. Hooper, Wm. R. Hinton, and Grey Huckaby were appointed a committee on Education.

J. Armstrong, J. M. Hall, and Sam'l Wait were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of issuing a periodical publication.

E. H. Straughan, W. W. Hufham, and Sam'l B. Biddle, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

J. McDaniel, C. M. Thomson and Q. Trotman were appointed a committee on Tracts.

W. R. Hinton, N. Richardson, and T. Meredith were appointed a committee on the Agency.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock—Prayer by William Dowd.

Afternoon Session.—J. Armstrong prayed.

The committee on Education made a report which was unanimously approved, and ordered to be published. [See appendix, letter E.]

Resolved, unanimously, That the Convention deem it expedient to purchase a suitable Farm, and to adopt other preliminary measures to

the establishment of a Baptist Literary Institution in this state on the *Manual Labour Principle.*

The Committee on the Periodical reported. The report was approved and ordered to be published. [See appendix, letter G.]

Resolved, That J. G. Hall, Sam'l Wait, W. Hooper, T. Meredith, and J. Armstrong be a committee, who shall be requested to take such measures as they shall deem necessary to secure the object of this report.

Adjourned till Monday, 9 o'clock. Wm. Dowd prayed.

[SUNDAY 5th.—T. Meredith, J. Armstrong, and J. McDaniel, preached in the morning.—J. Purify in the evening,—and George M. Thomson at night.—to a large and attentive congregation. Uncommon seriousness was manifested during this, and indeed during all the days of the meeting.]

Monday, 6th.

The Convention assembled agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by Q. Trotman.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported; and the report was approved, and ordered to be published. [See Appendix letter C.]

The Committee on Tracts made report; which report was accepted and ordered to be published. [See appendix letter D.]

The second committee on the periodical reported, and the report was approved.*

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:—Whereas this body has been informed that brother T. Meredith of Edenton, contemplates the publication of a *Religious Periodical*, to be issued monthly at the moderate price of one dollar per annum; therefore, *Resolved*, that this convention highly approve of the undertaking, and earnestly recommend their brethren to give it a liberal patronage.

The committee on Home Missions made a report which was approved and ordered to be filed for publication. [See appendix letter F.]

The Board presented a report of their proceedings during the past year. This report was accepted and ordered to be published. But as it abounded more in detail than was deemed necessary, it was *Resolved* that T. Meredith be requested to reduce it to suitable dimensions and fit it for the press. [See appendix letter A.]

The Agent made his annual report, which was approved and ordered to be filed for publication. [See appendix letter B.]

Resolved unanimously, that this Convention highly appreciate the valuable services of our Agent, and that we take this method to renew the expression of our confidence in his ability and his faithfulness.

The committee on the Agency reported; the report was accepted and ordered to be annexed to the other documents for publication. [See appendix letter H.]

Resolved unanimously that brother Samuel Wait be requested to act as our Agent until the next annual meeting of this body, to render the same services, and on the same terms as during the past year.—And further, that Wm. R. Hinton, R. Coffee, J. Armstrong, William Dowd, and H. Quin, be a committee to wait on brother Wait, acquaint

*NOTE—The report of this committee having been mislaid, as we suppose, was not forwarded by the clerk with the other documents and hence it does not appear among the rest of the reports.

him with the appointment, and learn from him whether or not he can comply with the request of the convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Samuel Wait $476; this being his amount of compensation for sixteen months services; to be drawn from the three several funds of this institution, in a proportion corresponding to the amount contributed to each during the past year.

Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to transmit as soon as convenient to the Treasurer of the General Convention for Foreign Missions, the appropriate funds remaining in his hands.

William Hooper, J. G. Hall, Grey Huckaby, William R. Hinton, and A. S. Winn were appointed a committee, whose duty it shall be to solicit at the next session of the Legislature of this state, an act of incorporation in behalf of this institution.

J. G. Hall, William R. Hinton, J. Purify, A. S. Winn, and S. J. Jeffreys were appointed a committee whose duty it shall be to endeavour to raise by private subscriptions, donations, &c. including the amount already pledged, the sum of *two thousand dollars*, with a view of purchasing a plantation for the accommodation of a literary institution on the Manual Labour Principle, in conformity with a previous resolution of this body.

Resolved that so soon as the above sum shall be secured, the foregoing committee shall be authorised to make contract in behalf of this convention for such plantation as in their opinion will be found properly adapted to the object to which it is to be appropriated. And further, that so soon as such contract shall be made, the same shall be reported to the president, in order that should he deem it expedient, he may call a meeting of the board.

Whereas reports are industriously circulated that it is the design of this Institution, by endeavoring to promote the education of young ministers, to suppress the preaching of those not favoured with such advantages;—therefore *Resolved* that this Convention deeply regret that any person should be so wicked as to propagate such scandal,—and that any should be so weak as to give it credence;—in as much as this body has so carefully guarded against any mistake on this subject, and every person of the most ordinary intelligence must know, that the Convention *has not the power* to affect such an object if they even possessed the inclination.

Resolved that the tenth Art. of the Constitution be amended so as to read—"The Convention shall hold its meeting annually, commencing Friday preceding the first Lord's day in November at such places as it shall from time to time direct.

Resolved that the next annual meeting of this body be held at Carthledge Creek Meeting House, Richmond County, commencing on Friday before the first Lord's day in November, 1833; that G. M. Thomson be requested to preach the introductory sermon, and T. Meredith the Conventional Sermon on Lord's day;—and that Q. H. Trotman be the alternate of the former, and Wm. P. Biddle that of the latter.

Resolved, That the committee appointed for the purpose of endeavouring to obtain the funds belonging to the N. Carolina Baptist Missionary Society, be continued; and that Allen S. Winn be added to that Committee.

The Committee appointed to inquire concerning the funds of the Chowan Baptist Missionary Society, now extinct reported verbally that there were no funds belonging to that institution now attaining

sle. The report was accepted, and the committee discharged. Adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock. Hugh Quin prayed.

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The meeting convened according to adjournment. [illegible] J. Culpepper. The committee appointed to inform brother [illegible] Wait of his appointment, &c. reported that brother W. had agreed to comply with the proposal of the Convention, and designed to enter forthwith upon the duties of his agency.

Resolved that J. Culpeper, sen. J. G. Hall, and T. Meredith be a committee to prepare a system of BYE-LAWS for the use of this Convention, and report at the opening of the next session.

Resolved that no member of the Board of this Convention shall receive for any services which he may render any pecuniary compensation from the funds of this institution.

Resolved that, in addition to the *three funds* specified in the constitution, another and a distinct *fund* shall be raised, for the special purpose of meeting the expenses of the Agency.

Resolved That the sum of one hundred dollars from the Home Mission fund, be appropriated to the use of the Baptist Church at Wilmington, N. C. provided that, with this aid, they shall succeed in obtaining for one year, the services of such ministering brother, as the board of this Convention shall approve.

The Treasurer, after having had his accounts audited by the committee appointed for the purpose, made his report; which was approved, and ordered to be published. [See appendix letter L.]

The committee appointed to receive the contributions transmitted to the present meeting, &c. made their report, which was accepted and directed to be published. [See appendix letter I.]

The delegates appointed at the last session of this body to attend the next ensuing meeting of the Convention of South Carolina, and that of the General Association of Virginia, reported that they had not attended.

The Conventional Address, designed for the inspection of the present meeting, and a place in connection with the present documents, had not been prepared.

Resolved that William Hooper be requested to prepare a Circular Address by the time of the next session of this body.

Resolved That T. Meredith be requested to prepare the proceedings of this meeting for the press, and cause to be published and circulated 1500 copies.

The meeting adjourned to the time and place already specified.—An address and prayer by the President.

NOTE—It is the intention of the agent in the prosecution of his work, to spend the ensuing Winter in the *Eastern* section of the state; the Spring in passing along in the neighborhood of the *Southern boundary*;—the Summer in the *Western* part; and the following Autumn, prior to the meeting of the Convention, near the *Northern limits*.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.

Tuesday Afternoon, Aug. 7th.

The Board met for business immediately after the adjournment of the Convention. Brother G. E. Fennel prayed.

Wm. Jones and Patrick Conely, beneficiaries of the Board, who had been for several months under the instruction of brother Thompson, were examined respecting the proficiency which they had made in their studies.

Resolved that the brethren Wm. Jones and P. Conely, be continued under the instruction of brother Thompson, to be subject to the advice and general supervision of brother John Purify.

Brother Benjamin Brown, a candidate for the benefit of instruction subject to the provision of the Board, underwent an examination on his religious experience, his call to the ministry, his doctrinal views, and his situation in life.

Resolved that brother Jones be received as a beneficiary of this institution, on condition that his pecuniary circumstances, upon further inquiry, shall be found free from embarrassment.

Resolved, further, that brethren John Purify and Thomas Crocker be a committee, whose duty it shall be to make immediate inquiry respecting the pecuniary situation of bro. Jones, and, provided it be found free from embarrassment, to inform him of his acceptance by the Board, and place him with the other beneficiaries, under the instruction of bro. Thompson, and subject to the supervision of bro. Purify.

Resolved that brethren Wm. P. Biddle, T. Meredith, J. Armstrong, S. Graham, and A. Battle be a committee to visit the Baptist Church at Wilmington, inform the brethren there of the resolution adopted by the Convention in their favour, and should it meet their views, co-operate with them in taking measures to carry the said resolution into immediate execution.

Resolved that bro. James Dennis be employed as a Missionary of the Board for three months, to labour in Johnson and Duplin Counties, and especially at Smithfield; and that he be allowed $10 per month for his services.

Resolved that bro. Eli Phillips be appointed a Missionary for this Board for two months, to travel and preach in the destitute region south west of Ashborough, Randolph County, and that he be allowed $20 per month for his services.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of the Board be held at Cashie Meeting House, Bertie County, commencing on Friday before the 2d Lord's day in May, 1833.

Resolved that J. Armstrong preach the introductory Sermon, and that A. Battle be his alternate.

Resolved That G. M. Thomson preach the Sermon on Sunday in behalf of the Convention, and that Wm. P. Biddle be his alternate.

Adjourned to the above time and place. Prayer by bro. J. Purify.

[A.]

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Since the last session of the Convention the Board has held three meetings; the first in April 1831, the second in August 1831, and the third in February 1832; at each of which they adopted such measures as they considered best calculated to advance the different objects of the institution.

Anxious to promote the preaching of the Gospel to the utmost extent of their ability, the Board have had several missionaries employed in *travelling* and *preaching* in different portions of the state; all of whom it is hoped, have been more or less useful.

Bro. William Brown has been employed, at two different periods, for three months in a section of country in Stokes County, west of Salem, where he states the people are uncommonly destitute of preaching.—He adds that he distributed a number of tracts which were eagerly received:—that the privileges of the gospel seemed to be highly appreciated:—and that he trusts his labours have not been in vain.

Bro. Eli Phillips has been employed six weeks in a region of country in Randolph County, to the south west of Ashborough:—where he reports he found the people remarkably destitute and anxious to hear the word of life. He also states that there was a great demand for tracts, and that many of the people were favourably disposed towards the objects of the Convention. Brother Phillips has also been occupied for two months, in conjunction with brother Noah Richardson in travelling and preaching in the Counties of Rowan, Surry, Iredell, Wilkes, Richmond, Robeson, Bladen, and Columbus.

Bro. James Dennis has been employed three months in the counties of Wake, Johnston, and Sampson. The labours of this missionary have been very signally blessed. In and about *Smithfield* the work of the Lord has been extensively and powerfully revived by his instrumentality: the consequence of which has been the constitution of a respectable and efficient church.

Bro. Jas L. Warren has laboured in the employ of the Board six weeks in the counties of Onslow and New Hanover.

Bro. Thos D. Adams has been in the employ of the Board two months in the counties of Wake, Halifax, Nash, Edgecomb, Chatham, Orange, Randolph, Moore, Anson, and Montgomery.

Bro. John Chapman has been employed in the service of the Board one month in preaching in the counties of Columbus, Mecklenburg, and Iredell.

Bro. Noah Richardson has been occupied in the service of the Board about five weeks preaching in connexion with bro. Eli Phillips, in the counties of Rowan, Surry, Iredell, Wilkes, Richmond, Robeson, Bladen and Columbus.

From the preceding statement it appears that the Board has expended, during the past conventional year, about 15 months of Missionary labour in those sections of the state which were considered most destitute, and where it was believed that such labour could be employed to the greatest advantage.

Aware of the utility of *local* or *stationary preaching*, and of the importance to the Denomination, of building up churches of our order in the several towns of this state, the attention of the Board has been particularly directed to Wilmington, Raleigh, and Halifax, and committees have been appointed to enquire into the expediency of locating a Baptist minister in each of the above mentioned places with direc-

tions to make report at the present meeting of the Convention.

With regard to *Education* the Board has as yet been able to accomplish but little. Two young brethren, William Jones and Patrick Conely, members and licentiates of Baptist churches in this state have been receiving instruction, the latter for 6 and the former for 18 months, as beneficiaries of this institution. As the Convention had no school of its own as yet organized, and as brother George W. Thompson of Wake county, had generously offered to instruct *gratuitously* the beneficiaries of the Board, it was deemed expedient to comply with his proposition and to place these two brethren under his care. They have accordingly been in the school of brother Thompson until the present period, and it is believed have made as much progress in their studies as their circumstances and opportunities would admit.

In conclusion the Board would remark that, altho' as yet but little has been accomplished, they confidently look forward to no very distant period, when the operations of this institution will assume a position of respectability and of power, and cause their cheering and renovating influence to be felt in every section of the state.

In behalf of the Board,

A. J. BATTLE, Secretary pro. tem.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE AGENT.

Elder John Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dear Brother—In presenting an account of my labours during the past year for the use of the Convention I deem it proper to remark, that at the close of the last session, I was requested to visit the Chowan Association, which is composed of the churches located in the several counties below the Roanoke river.

Accordingly I had the pleasure of attending that Association at Castle, Bertie county, in the month of May of last year. The brethren gave me a very cordial reception. An invitation having been given to that effect, I laid before the Association the objects of the Convention, and the progress that had then been made in our attempts to advance them; and I am happy in being able to add, that immediately the most friendly and encouraging resolutions were passed without a single dissenting voice.

Going up the country I preached to as many churches as I could take in my way, and continued my course westward till I had visited the counties of Ashe, Wilkes, and Burke. While in the upper part of the state, I had the pleasure of attending the annual meetings of the Mountain, Catawba River, and Frier Creek Associations. But in consequence of heavy rains it was not in my power to be present at the meetings of the two last named, until, in one instance particularly, the business of the association was nearly closed. I had however an opportunity of explaining to these two bodies the objects of the Convention, and of having their friendly co-operation.

The meeting of the other Association I was able to attend in due season, and was much gratified to find the brethren ready to come in to the measures of the Convention, as soon as the nature of the Institution was fully understood.

Late in the autumn of last year I commenced my journey down the country. Particular care was taken to see those churches on my return, that had been visited in the spring. By this arrangement our

friends had all the time between my visits for deliberation on the measures proposed to them. And in most instances the most decisive proof was given when they came to subscribe, that the importance of the work before us was duly appreciated.

In the prosecution of my business the past year, a plan in most cases has been adopted, differing in some respects, from the one generally pursued the year before. Instead of attempting the formation of regular societies, auxiliary to the Convention, I have labored to give as much of permanency as possible to our movements by other and more simple methods. By this course I have secured for the Convention quite as much assistance as would otherwise have been obtained, & with much less loss of time. In some instances however, where such institutions were better understood, auxiliary societies have been regularly formed. Such a course in every instance has been pursued as appeared to be most acceptable to all the friends concerned.

It was my intention to have visited in the course of the past year according to the request of the Convention, every society that had been formed during the year before. To accomplish this object, my plan was carefully formed, and every arrangement in due season made.—But circumstances over which I could have no control, have prevented in part the accomplishment of the object embraced in my plan. In such instances, to prevent any inconvenience happening to the societies, in consequence of my failing to visit them, I have requested the aid of some of my ministering brethren.

As was expected, great pains have been taken by those opposed to the Convention, to introduce among the congregations w[illegible] [illegible] last year, pamphlets filled with misrepresentations and [illegible] abuse.—And although in some instances from a want of [illegible] information, individuals may be found whose minds have been injur[illegible] [illegible] publications, the great body of our friends have stood firm [illegible] unmoved. It is indeed a most gratifying circumstance that scarc[illegible] an instance can be found of the abandonment of the missionary enterprize by any individual whose opinion had been made up after the subject had been fairly and correctly brought before him.

Besides the Chowan Association, the Neuse, the Sandy Creek the Brier Creek, and the Yadkin Associations, have all since our last meeting, taken the most friendly notice of the convention, and resolved to give us aid.

Many of the churches belonging to the Pee Dee and other Associations have also been visited, and it is a source of much satisfaction to be able to state, that, in nearly every instance, a spirit has been manifested decidedly friendly to this institution. Especially has this been manifested in all those places where correct information in regard to missions and the other institutions of the present day has been generally diffused.

One of the greatest obstacles with which I have had to contend ever since I commenced my agency is the want of the very information that I have just mentioned.

It is worthy of special notice that no book, pamphlet, or sermon, written against missions, has yet been found, which is not filled with misrepresentations. Nor is this all;—it is not only true that misstatements are to be found in these publications, but also in many instances, the most scurrilous abuse. All these publications however instead of injuring the cause they slander, would only sink their respective authors into absolute contempt, if the community at large were well in-

formed. The abuse of which I am speaking, in most cases is so perfectly obvious, that with only a slight acquaintance with the movements of the day it can be easily detected. But it is too often the case that I find myself in congregations composed to a great extent of persons totally unacquainted with the subject of missions. It is perfectly astonishing to find what monstrous tales have been propagated among this class of persons, and by them believed; and it is painful in the extreme to see how far in some instances, brethren of more information, and occasionally ministers of the gospel, have employed and are now employing their influence to keep up a delusion which cannot, by any possibility, benefit a single person, but which injures multitudes:—and if our brethren could be induced to examine with candor for themselves, they would see could at once be dispelled.

It will easily be seen that we have long laboured under great and very serious disadvantages in this state, from the want of a well conducted religious journal. Such a paper we might hope, being adapted to the existing state of our churches, would be productive of the best consequences. Much information on important subjects could be imparted to the churches and our congregations at large, many prejudices removed, and the way soon prepared for securing to the convention annually, a larger amount of aid.

But notwithstanding all the obstacles we have had to surmount we shall find on a review of the brief history of our institution, much cause for gratitude to God, and for continued confidence in him. In the first place I may remark that we have had more preaching in many sections of the sate, since the formation of the Convention than we should otherwise have enjoyed. It should also be mentioned with the deepest humility that in several instances the labours of our brethren who have been encouraged to ride and preach, have been signally blessed of God, to the awakening of precious souls. Nor should it in the next place be forgotten, that a spirit of inquiry, upon the subject of missions has been extensively excited.

Although efforts to some extent, had been made a few years past to arouse the slumbering energies of our churches and congregations, little, comparatively speaking, had actually been accomplished;—and still it is admitted that much remains to be done. But we may be permitted to rejoice at the fact that from the reading of the Memoirs of Mrs. Judson, and several religious periodicals and also from the many public addresses made by myself and others, a spirit of inquiry upon the subject of missions is now more generally awakened in our state than has been at any former period.

This is manifested in part by the character of the opposition against which we have to contend. Probably at no former period have the leaders in the opposition been more exasperated or disposed to descend to more coarse abuse. When little or nothing was attempted towards aiding in the spread of the gospel, but little if any thing was said against it. Nor was it until some progress had been made in our work, that the opposing brethren began to manifest concern.

In addition to this, the great accession to the number of the friends of missions might be mentioned as showing the extensive operation of the missionary spirit. Some hundreds of our brethren, and sisters, and other friends, who at the time of our last meeting, were decidedly opposed us, are now among our warmest friends. In this number are to be found several of our ministering brethren.

Since our last meeting I have preached 268 sermons and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper 5 times. The state of religion in most of the churches in North Carolina is extremely low. In too many places discipline is quite neglected, and but little is attempted that is well adapted to promote pure and undefiled religion.

In some instances, it is true, sabbath schools are established and well conducted; tracts are circulated, and religious periodicals are read, and efforts made for

the suppression of intemperence; but in many sections of our state, not one of these advantages is enjoyed. But though we have cause to weep over the low state of our Zion generally, we are permitted to rejoice that the Lord has not utterly forsaken us.

Several churches in the counties of Wake, Johnston, Franklin, Nash, Anson, and Montgomery, and the town of Newbern, have had seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

In the prosecution of the business of my agency two things have been kept constantly in view. First, the importance of stating, with the utmost care, all the objects of the Convention, and our method for bringing together the aid of all those disposed to assist us; and in the next place all the congregations have been distinctly told that our expectations were moderate, and that we solicited no more aid, than could be cheerfully given without regarding the convention as a burden. Perhaps I ought to add, that all our friends have been affectionately informed, that if any of the members of our churches should think proper to withhold their aid, that circumstance would in no case, be regarded by us as a bar to communion.

In all my journeyings the past year, I have experienced the same kindness from the people among whom I have travelled, that was mentioned in my other report. On the whole, I am satisfied, my brother, that our Convention was brought into existence at the proper time: and our motto should be "ONWARD." The signs of the times are encouraging. Our brethren in many of the states are successfully employed in the promotion of the same objects embraced in this institution

See too, what the Lord is doing at nearly all the Missionary stations abroad.—In the same lands that have, during so many centuries been the abode of sin, and of death, the scriptures are now published, the gospel is preached, sinners are converted to God, and christian churches planted.

That you my dear brother, and this whole Convention, may be permitted to bear some humble part, as instruments in the hands of God, in the promotion of such objects is the fervent prayer of your friend and brother,

SAMUEL WAIT, General Agent.

[C.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that agreeably to the best information which they have been able to obtain, the following facts are entitled to the attention of this body.

The General Convention of the Baptist denomination for Foreign Missions, through whose agency our Foreign Mission Funds are appropriated to their destination, has held an unusually interesting session last April in N. York. There were present about 150 delegates, this being more than double the number that were assembled on any previous occasion of the kind. The amount of funds paid in during the session, as nearly as can be recollected was upwards of 12,000 dollars, which with those previously on hand produced an amount of more than 50,000 dollars. Several states among which as you know, was North Carolina, were represented on this occasion for the first time. The reports from the various Mission stations, both foreign and domestic, were uncommonly interesting. The harmony of sentiment, the increasing spirit of Christian enterprize, and the general feeling of encouragement, which pervaded the deliberations of that body, were exceedingly gratifying to those who were present, and gave intimation of the most prosperous results.

The latest accounts which have been received from the Mission stations in the Burman Empire, to the interests of which our funds are applied, were of the most encouraging kind. The views and plans of our Missionaries in that region were rapidly expanding. The work of translating the scriptures was regularly advancing. The number of missionaries and missionary stations was gradually increasing, and the Lord was clearly and gloriously prospering their labours.

It deserves to be particularly remarked, that in that land of darkness, where 20 years ago, the christian religion was utterly unknown, there is now a number of Baptist churches, each of which is regularly supplied with the administration of the word and ordinations of the gospel, and occasionally refreshed and revived by the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit.

A very few weeks since two young brethren, with their companions, one a mi-

nister and the other a printer, set sail from Boston for this region of idolatry and degradation. When these shall arrive, there will then be upwards of 20 American Missionaries in the Burman Empire; and still there are room and a demand for more. And accordingly the Board expect to send out others as soon as circumstances will possibly admit.

Your committee feel assured that the funds which may be transmitted from this body for that object will be faithfully and profitably applied. They are strongly impressed with the sense of the importance of our Mission stations in the East.—They are rejoiced to see the increase of Missionary spirit in this body, as indicated by the unusual enlargement of the For. Mis. Fund. And they gladly and cordially recommend this important branch of Missionary operations to the future attention of this Institution.

Such are only a few of the facts connected with this interesting object. As they have been stated from memory they may not be, in all respects, absolutely free from mistake. It is believed however that they will be found upon examination to be substantially correct. As such they are respectfully submitted to the consideration of this Convention.

T. MEREDITH, Chairman.

[F.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following REPORT:

From information received from various sections of the state, we are happy to learn, that the labours of the Missionaries in some places have been blessed to the conversion of many precious souls; and there is certainly great encouragement for us to send out preachers to the full extent of our means. We entertain no doubt that the opposition to the Convention and the objects its friends have in view, would be lessened very much if there were more Itinerants; for when the children of God who are opposed to exertions of the kind (and that there are such your committee have no doubt) find that the blessing of the Lord follows, it has a tendency to remove their objections. We have no hesitation in saying, that the indefatigable labours of our Agent and Missionaries have removed prejudices and gained many friends to the cause.

Your committee are aware, as you must all be, that there yet remains much to be done. There are many destitute places in our state, some of which we will mention. In the county of Brunswick, on the sea board, there is not a single ordained Baptist preacher; in Wilmington and all the lower part of New Hanover, the people are entirely destitute of preaching by any ministers of our order. That part of Onslow, that lies along the sea coast is also destitute. In Halifax County, we understand there is no Baptist preacher, and the prospect of good being done there is very flattering, could the people only have preaching among them. The northern part of Stokes County and some parts of Surry are very destitute, and in a deplorable situation as to matters of religion. Robeson county is also without a preacher.

Your Committee are of opinion that our cause would be advanced by reducing the pay of our Missionaries, as thereby a greater number could be employed; and we do believe that every minister of the Gospel ought to be willing to make some sacrifices to promote the best of causes.

In addition to the above, your committee have received the cheering intelligence that the labours of Elder James Dennis, whose services have been confined mostly to the counties of Wake and Johnston, have been wonderfully blessed in Smithfield, in the aforesaid county, where the people, before the commencement of his labours amongst them, seemed to care nothing about religion, and where but one or two professors of religion resided, a church has been recently constituted thro' his instrumentality consisting of between 40 and 50 members. Surely the desert has rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. We have been further informed that the County of Tyrrell is very destitute of preaching and that it is an encouraging place for missionary exertions. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN PURIFY, Chairman.

[E.]

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education having given to the subject submitted to them the best consideration which their time and the limited information at their command have enabled them, beg leave to present the following REPORT:

That we think it expedient and highly important to afford to our young ministers facilities for obtaining such an education as will qualify them to be able ministers of the New Testament. That for this purpose the plan which has recommended itself to us as combining the greatest advantages, is the purchase of a farm in a suitable situation, furnished with commodious buildings;—the employment of a teacher of proper qualifications, who shall take charge of the beneficiaries of the Convention and such other pupils as his duties to them may enable him to attend to;—and the engagement of a superintendant of the farm who shall direct the manual labours of the young men who shall have an opportunity, by their cultivation of the soil, to earn their subsistence, or to pay for their board.

The Committee have ascertained that such a farm as will be well suited for carrying their views into immediate operation, can be had in the county of Wake, within 15 miles of the city of Raleigh, for the sum of $2000; a sum which they believe it to be well worth. They recommend therefore, that the Convention if they approve the measure, do appoint a Board of Trustees, such board consisting, if they please, of the Board of Managers, who shall appoint agents to solicit subscriptions *for this object* from the members and friends of our denomination in all parts of our state. The committee think that such an experiment as this will decide the question whether this project will receive the general approbation of our churches or not. If it should, the purchase money will be obtained, if not, the subscription of course will stand void.

The committee believe that a school of the kind, and in the situation they propose would meet the patronage of the denomination generally, and would probably from the beginning support itself, without being any expense to the Convention. The farm they have in view is highly recommended by its central, convenient, and healthy situation, by the moral and enlightened character of the surrounding population, and by cheapness of living.

Should the Convention however not concur with the above recommendation, their committee would propose that a correspondence be opened with the managers of similar institutions in the adjoining states, with a view to ascertain whether any combination of effort could be made by which our pious youth could share with theirs in availing themselves of means of education already in operation. The committee further report that the Board of Managers have had under their care two beneficiaries during the past year but that they have reason to believe many pious youth are now in the state, who would come forward and offer themselves for education, if such an institution as the one proposed, were once seen to be in existence. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. HOOPER, Chairman.

[D.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The committee on Tracts beg leave to REPORT—That it is evident that Tracts have been signally blessed of God to the conversion of sinners, and to the diffusion of light and comfort to christians, in those regions in which they have been circulated. Your committee would therefore recommend the establishment of Tract Societies in the different churches, and an extensive circulation of them throughout the state. They would also recommend that each member of this Convention encourage and promote the object of the Baptist general Tract establishment as far as is practicable in the region in which he resides.

JAMES McDANIEL, Chairman.

[L.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henry Austin, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in Account Current for 1832.

Dr.	H. Mis.	F. Mis.	Educa'n.	Total.
To Balance due the Convention at its Session 1831 - - - - - -	93 20	93 20	93 20	279 60
Amount sent up by Societies and friends at the an. meeting at Cross Roads in 1831.	495 73½	120 04¼	174 06¼	789 79
Sabbath collection at Cross Roards in 1831.	9 37	9 37	9 37	28 11¼
Sabbath collection of the Board at Cedar Creek - - - - - - - -	4 14⅓	4 14⅓	4 14⅓	12 43¼
Sabbath col'n of the Board at Wake Union.	4 08⅔	4 08⅔	4 08⅔	12 26
Donation from Bethel Church by T. Meredith - - - - - - - -	5 00		5 00	10 00
Do from James G. Hall by do. -	5 00		5 00	10 00
Do Spring Hill by sister White -	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
Do D. Holiman of Iredell, by Eli Philips.		1 00		1 00
Do D. M. Burney, Randolph, by letter.		1 00		1 00
Interest on a small loan of money - -	1 25	1 25	1 25	3 75
Donation from a female in Newbern by J. Armstrong - - - - - -	07	07	07	21
Rec'd from the committee of Finance sent up by societies & friends to this meeting.	493 72	513 83¼	391 53¼	1399 08½
	1136 56	757 89	697 70	2592 24
Dedcut amount paid by the Treasurer - -	574 89	429 86	371 61	1376 36
Leaves a balance in the hands of the Treasurer up to 7th August, 1832 - - - - -	561 67	328 12	326 09	1215 88

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By amount sent to the Treasurer of the Board for Foreign Missions - - - -		120 00		120 00
Paid for procuring a check at 1 per cent -		1 20		1 20
Paid General Agent for his services previous to annual meeting in 1831 - - -	123 66⅔	123 66⅔	123 66⅔	371 00
Paid Elder Wm. Dowd for Missionary services previous to the board at Cedar Cr'k.	20 00			20 00
Paid Elder E. Phillips for missionary services previous to the board at Cedar Creek.	37 50			37 50
P'd Elder N. Richardson for missionary services previous to the board at do. - - - -	26 00			26 00
P'd Elder J. Culpepper for Missionary services previous to the board at Wake Un'n	22 00			22 00
P'd Elder Eli Phillips for missionary services previous to the board at do.	50 00			50 00
P'd Elder Wm. Dowd for missionary services previous to the board at do.	20 00			20 00
P'd Elder Jas. Dennis for missionary services previous to the board at do.	30 00			30 00
P'd Elder Thos. D. Armstrong for missionary services previous to the board at do.	48 40			48 40

TREASURER'S REPORT—(CONTINUED.)

P'd Elder Ja's Warren for miss'ry services previous to the board at Wake Union -	17 33			17 33
P'd Elder Tho's Crocker for expenses incurred by educating bro. Conely - -			30 00	30 00
P'd Elder Wm. R. Hinton for expenses incurred for bro. Jones' education previous to the board at Wake Union - - -			18 35	18 35
P'd Elder Wm. Hooper for expenses incurred for bro. Conely's education previous to this meeting - - - - - - - - -			30 25	30 25
P'd Elder W. R. Hinton for expenses incurred for bro. Jones' education previous to this meeting - - - - - - - - -		-	25 33	25 33
P'd J. I. Pasteur for printing 1000 copies of last minutes - - - - - - - - -	11 00	11 00	11 00	33 00
P'd General Agent for services previous to this meeting of the convention - - -	169 00	174 00	133 00	476 00
	574 89	429 86	371 61	1376 36

The Committee on the Treasurer's Report have examined the above account and find it to be correct.

By order and in behalf of the committee.

GEORGE W. HOFHAM, Chairman.

[I.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

	H. Mis.	F. Mis.	Ede'on	Total.
CONTRIBUTORS.				
Cross Roads Church - - - - - - -	6 00	9 00	5 00	20 00
Raleigh do - - - - - - -	8 50	2 50	9 25	20 25
Wake Union do - - - - - - -	75	7 75	1 50	10 00
Holly Spring do	25	8 35	2 50	11 10
John Holiman	5 00	5 00		10 00
James Dennis		10 00		10 00
Cape Fear Female		25 81¼		25 81¼
Cape Fear Church		10 42½		10 42½
Jersey Settlement	4 10	6 79¾	9 26½	20 16¼
Lick Creek Church and Society . .	3 22½	9 00		12 22½
Liberty Church and Society . .	8 20	80	1 00	10
Congregation at Halaway's . .	8 50		1 50	10
Toms Creek Church	2 65	7 35		10
Mount Carmel			10 00	10
Cane Creek	3 25	6 75	2 55	12 55
Mount Moriah	5 00	5 00		10
Antioch	3 10	4 95	2 20	10 25
New Friendship	7 92	1 00	1 88	10 80
Newbern	8 00	8 00	8 00	24
Hopeful Society	20 00	8 00	8 00	36
Tarborough	10 00	30 00	30 00	70
Jarrat's Bay	4 00	4 00	2 36½	10 36½
Reeve's Chapel	5 00	2 50	2 50	10
Loves Creek	9 80	7 90	2 30	20
Mount Gilead	5 00	5 00		10
Rocky Spring Church	3 50	9 70	7 25	20 45

CONTRIBUTIONS—[CONTINUED.]

Bear's Creek		5	5		10
Friendship		18	1	1	20
Noah Richardson			5	5	10
Cross Roads		8		2	10
New Union		8 75	1	75	10 50
Kendall's Meeting House		3 50	3 25	3 25	10
Bethlehem		8 33⅓	3 58⅓	2 48⅓	14 40
Cedar Creek		4 55	26 60	5 75	36 90
Rock River		4 50	10 25		14 75
Brown Creek		5 50	10	2	17 50
Bethlehem		4	1 40	5	10 40
Carthledge Creek		19 30	30 25	30 75	80 30
Saron		8 68⅓	11 78⅓	3 9⅓	23 56¼
Spring Hill		6	24	5	35
Maple Spring		3 82½	11 72½	5 12½	20 67½
Flat Rock		1 33⅓	4 33⅓	4 33⅓	10
Providence Creek		50	50	11	12
Sandy Cross			15		15
Piney Grove		9 25	7 75	3	20
Sawyer's Creek		2	6 75	1 37	10 12½
Shiloh		3	5	2 50	10 50
Ballard's Bridge		3 75	3 75	2 50	10
Edenton		5	2	5	12
Bethel		7	1	7	15
New Hope		7 25	3 75	5 25	16 25
Society Meeting House		8 95	6 95	5 60	21 50
Hugh Quin			10		10
Concord		3 25	1 50	5 25	10
Nahunga		10 25	75	20	31
Fishing Creek		10			10
Brier Creek		5	1	4	10
Head of Yadkin		7 37½	2 50	8 75	18 62½
Sandy Run		10	11 50		21 50
Bertie Society		26	19 50	35	80 50
Elizabeth City		6	6	2 50	14 50
Salem Church		18	6 25	12 25	36 50
Flat Rock		15	5	10	30
Peachtree			3	8	11
James-Town Society		7 50	2 50		10
Eaton's		14 60	2 40	3	20
Lisbon		7 35	5 30	9 30	21 95
Beaver-dam Church & friends at white lake		5		5	10
Globe Head Church.		2 50	5	2 50	10
Donations from friends which were handed in by brethren.					
New Union Congregation	Montgomery	16 80			16 80
Capehart's Church	Bertie	2 58⅓	2 58⅓	2 58⅓	7 75
Middle Swamp	Gates		7 25		7 25
Samuel Wait	Wake	3	3	4	10
Sarah W. Wait	"			2	2
Dr. Calvin Jones	"			5	5
Jonathan Stephens	"	50	50		1
David Justice	"	1			1
Sister Lucy A. Watts	Chapel Hill			5	5
Henderson Owens	Orange			2	2
John P. Owen	"		1		1
Chesley P. George	"	1			1
Ross Scoggins	"	1			1
William M. Burns	Chatham	5			5

CONTRIBUTIONS—[CONTINUED.]

Elizabeth Tyson	Anson	50			50
Island Ford	Surry	4 50	75		5 25
Sandy Creek	Franklin	1	1	1	3
Brother from Newbern				4	4
Yeopim	Chowan	3	2 05	50	5 55
Sister from Halifax		1			1
Sister from Edgecomb		1			1
Friend in Chatham		10			10
Collection on Sabbath		15 52½	15 52	15 52	46 56
		493 72	513 83¼	391 83¾	1399 08½

In behalf of the Committee CHARLES McALISTER, Chm'n.

[H.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AGENCY.

The Committee on the Agency would submit the following considerations:

The services of an Agent are considered absolutely indispensable to the progress and successful operation of this Convention. That the prosperity of this institution is dependant on the circulation of correct information, the excitement of favourable feelings, the organization of auxiliary societies, &c. &c. admits not of a question. That these means cannot be secured without the services of a responsible and faithful Agent is equally beyond the reach of a doubt. Your committee are therefore confident in the opinion that the constant efforts of an efficient Agent are essential to the growth and usefulness of this convention.

It is therefore earnestly recommended that the services of bro. Wait, provided they can be obtained, should be immediately engaged as heretofore.

WM. R. HINTON, Chairman.

[G.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A PERIODICAL.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Periodical REPORT,—That in the opinion of your com. the interests of our denomination require some medium by which our peculiar views may be made known and vindicated and by which the various objects of the Convention may be promoted. We therefore recommend that a a Monthly Periodical be established and that immediate measures be resorted to for the accomplishment of this matter.

Your committee, from information which they possess, assure the convention that a pamphlet of 24 pages may be published, monthly, for the moderate sum of $1 per annum; and that the work may go into immediate operation, provided 500 subscribers can be received. Your committee believe that number can be obtained now upon the ground, if the proper means be adopted. All which is respectfully submitted.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

WM. P. BIDDLE, President.

T. MEREDITH, J. CULPEPPER, sen. WM. HOOPER, Vice-Presidents.

Charles McAlister,	Stephen Graham,	Robert S. Thomas,
Green Huckaby,	Turner Carter,	Aaron J. Spivey,
Grey Huckaby,	John Dismukes,	John Purify,
John Munroe,	George E. Fennel,	Paul Phifer,
Geo. M. Thompson,	Jesse Adams,	Hugh Quin.
John Culpepper, Jun.	Thomas Crocker,	Thomas Wright.

PROCEEDIN

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

OF

ERRATA.—On page 9th in the 14th line, for Jones read *Brown*
On the same page, 19th line, for Jones read *Brown*.
On p. 20th after the Report on Periodical, read JOHN ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
On the same page in the list of Members of the Board—read HENRY AUSTIN, Treas'r; JOHN ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.; AMOS J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec.
Some unimportant errors have been discovered in the Treasurer's Report, created by corresponding errors in the manuscript.

NEWBERN:
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1835.

PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. Kerr, from Psalm 51. 12—13. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me by thy free spirit; then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

The Convention was then called to order by A. Dockery, President, and opened with prayer by bro. Ballard.

On motion, Appointed Bro. J. B. Outlaw, S. Lee, J. Culpeper, Jr., and A. S. Winn, a Financial Committee.

Delegates and contributions were received from the following Churches, Societies, Associations, and individuals:

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Wake,	Chesnut Grove,	A. S. Winn,	Roger's Store.
	Wake Forest,	S. Wait,* J. B. Outlaw, J. Armstrong,	Wake Forest.
	Rolesville Church,	Thomas Crocker,*	Rolesville.
	Raleigh,	Joel B. Clifton,	
Cumberland,	Cape Fear Female Society,	C. McAllister,* Jas. M'Daniel, J.S.Mims,	Fayetteville.
	Cape Fear Association,	J.S.Mims, J.Smith,* E. Davis,* R. Melvin,* A. Robbins,*	Do.
Craven,	W. P. Biddle,	S. S. Biddle,	Fort Barnwell.
	Newbern,	T. Meredith,	
Chatham,	Reeves' Chapel,	Aaron Emerson,	
	Mineral Spring,	R. J. Johnston,	
	May's Chapel,	F. Hawley,	
	Rock Spring,	G. W. Thompson, C. S. Fooshee,	Pittsboro'.
	Mount Pisgah,		
Richmond,	Carthledge's Creek.	G. Northam, Isaac Mason, A. Dockery.	Dockery's Store.
Davidson,	Lick Creek,	Eli Carrell,	
	Abbott's Creek,	James Evans,	Brummell's P.O.
	Hollaway's Ch.	Armstead Owen,	
	Jersey Settlement,	J. Wiseman, G. Tussey,	
Iredell,	Society M. H.	Paul Phifer,	Mt. Arnon, Rowan.
	New Hope,	W. Richards, J. B. Ballard, A. Roby,	Surry, C. H.
Guilford,	Jamestown,	Isaac Beeson,	
Mecklenburg,	Beulah Church.	S. Fox, J. Pritchard,	Charlotte.
	Charlotte,	James Thomas,	
	Long Creek,	John Low,	
Caswell,	County Line,	Sidney S. Lee,	Yanceyville.
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	J. Culpeper, Jr., J. Thomas, Benj. Sanders, M. Flake,	Beverly.
	Rocky Run,	J. Culpeper, Sen.,	Do.
Johnston,	Smithfield,	D. Lunsford,	
Rowan,	Eaton's Church,	John Dismukes,	

	Fork Church,	Jos. Pickler,	
Person,	Olive Branch,	Thos. Halliburton,	
	Beulah Association,	Alexis Howard,	
Granville,	Grassy Creek Ch.	John Stovall,	
	Hester's Creek,	M. D. Freeman,	
Orange,	Mount Zion,	D. Patterson,	
	Mount Carmel,	W. H. Merritt,	
	Mount Moriah,		
	Antioch,	John Durham,	
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	Jas. Martin,	
Moore,	Dover M. H.	Horatio Sugg,	Sugg's Bridge, P.O.
Burke,	Globe church.		
Surry,	Island Ford,	Thos. Hampton,	Jonesville,
		Thos. Wright,	
Montgomery,	Cross Roads,	David Wright,	
	Kendall's church,		
New Hanover,	Wilmington,	A. W. Chambliss,	
		Wm. J. Finlay,	
Hertford,	Meherring church,	J. W. Pender,	
Chesterfield D. S. So. Ca.	Female Benevolent Society,		
Stokes,	New Friendship,	John Charles.	

On motion, *Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

ALFRED DOCKERY, President.
THOMAS MEREDITH, }
SAMUEL WAIT, } Vice Presidents.
JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, }
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES McDANIEL, Recording Secretary.
WILLIAM ROLES, Treasurer.

On motion, Appointed Bro. J. Culpeper, Jr., J. Dismukes, J. B. Ballard, Isaac Beeson, and A. S. Winn, a Committee to elect preachers to occupy the stage during this session of the Convention.

On motion, Adjourned to 10 o'clock—to-morrow morning.

Prayer by bro. J. Culpeper, Jr.

Saturday Morning.

Met according to adjournment. Bro. J. McDaniel, prayed.

On motion, Invited ministering brethren to sit with us; whereupon brethren Dr. Jas. Bager, Josiah Wiseman, Barton Roby, and Richard Jacks came forward and took seats.

On motion, Appointed brethren Kerr, Ballard, and Meredith a Committee on Foreign Missions; Meredith, Ballard, and Hampton, on Home Missions; Armstrong, Lee, and Chambliss, on Periodicals; Meredith, Outlaw, and Baker, on the Agency; Ballard, Hawley, and J. Culpeper, Sen., on Sabbath Schools; Armstrong, Daniel, and Outlaw, on Arrangements; Chambliss, Jordan, and Northam, on Temperance; Biddle, Hawley, and Richards, on Tracts; Armstrong, Culpeper, Sen., and Mims, on Education; Outlaw, Thompson, and Freeman, on the Wake Forest Institute; J. Culpeper, Jr., Thomas, and Meredith, on our Denomination in N. C.; J. Culpeper, Sen., Finlay, and Jordan, on the

Board of Managers; Armstrong, Meredith, and Kerr, on the expediency of the establishment of a Professorship of Sacred Literature at Wake Forest Institute, by this Convention; Armstrong, Meredith, and Merrit, on the expediency of the establishment of a Female Seminary; Armstrong, McDaniel, and Meredith, on the nomination of Agents for the ensuing year; Wait, Armstrong, Outlaw, Crenshaw, and Roles, on the preparation of a Letter of instructions for the Agents; Dr. S. Fox, Winn, and Martin, on the Treasury.

On motion, Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of hearing the Conventional Sermon, which was delivered by bro. Armstrong, from Acts 16. 30, 31.

Prayer by bro. Meredith.

Two O'Clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Hawley.

Ordered the Bye Laws to be read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bye Laws of this Convention be printed and appended to these Minutes.

On motion, The Report of the Board was called for, read, received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

On motion, Agents were called on to report; bro. J. Culpeper, Sen., read his report, which was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Bro. Jas. Thomas read his report, which was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Bro. Wm. J. Finlay, read his report, which was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Letter from the Raleigh Church be referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Received a Letter of Correspondence from the South Carolina Convention, by the hands of Jas. Thomas, who was cordially invited to a seat with us as a Delegate from that Body.

On motion, Adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening.

Prayer by bro. Phifer.

Seven O'Clock.

Met according to Adjournment, and after the roll was called, bro. Armstrong prayed at the opening of business.

On motion, Appointed bro. J. Armstrong, T. Meredith, and D. J. Baker, our Delegates to the South Carolina Convention, to meet in Charleston on Saturday previous to the 2d Sabbath in Dec. 1835.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the brethren who wish to become beneficiaries of this Convention, be examined before the Convention.

Bro. Thomas McDaniel presented himself before the Convention, wishing to become a beneficiary, and was examined and received.

On motion, Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by bro. Ballard.

Sabbath Morning.

The exercises of the day were opened by bro. J. Armstrong, from

James 2. 26. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." After a respite of a few minutes the congregation was again addressed by bro. T. Meredith, in behalf of the Convention, from Revelations 6. 17. "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand." After which a collection was taken up in aid of the objects contemplated by the Convention. The congregation was then dismissed for the space of 15 minutes, after which they were again addressed by bro. J. McDaniel, from John 15. 15. "I have called you friends."

At 3 o'clock, P. M. the congregation was again addressed by bro. J. Kerr, from Isaiah 4. 31. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

At candle-light, bro. J. B. Ballard addressed the congregation from Matthew 17. 5. "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." The seriousness and attention of the congregation throughout the exercises of the whole day, were such as furnish ground for pleasing expectation.

Monday Morning.

Met according to Adjournment. Bro. Richards prayed at the opening of business.

Ordered the Roll to be called.

Ordered the Bye Laws to be read.

On motion, Called on Committees to report.

The Committee on arrangements reported; report was was received, and the Committee discharged.

The Commitee on Periodical reported; report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention, will each use our utmost endeavours to secure five additional subscribers, and send them to the Editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly request that all the friends of this Convention do the same.

The Committee on Temperance reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on Tracts reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on Home Missions reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That missionary services be employed during the ensuing year, to the full extent of the funds in hand.

Resolved, That the attention of our Churches, Societies, and congregations, be especially called to the claims of our Domestic Missions as a matter of paramount importance.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to superintend our missionary operations during the ensuing twelve months—to make contracts—give instructions—and especially to secure the execution of the preceding resolutions.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to nominate two Agents, and an adequate number of Missionaries for the next year.

The Committee on Education reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on the Wake Forest Institute reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on the expediency of establishing a Female Seminary reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Voted that the next session of this Convention be held at the County Line Church, in Caswell county, N. C.

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention, commence on the Friday preceeding the 2d Sabbath in Nov. 1836.

On motion, Appointed bro. J. McDaniel, to preach the Sermon in behalf of the Convention on Sabbath, at its next session.

On motion, Appointed bro. J. Culpeper Jr., to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this Convention. Services to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, Appointed bro. T. Meredith to preach the Conventional sermon at 11 o'clock on Saturday, at next session of this Convention.

On motion, Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by bro. McDaniel.

Tuesday Morning.

Met according to adjournment. Bro. Armstrong prayed at the opening of business.

Ordered the roll to be called; after which proceeded to business.

The Committee on nomination of Agents and Missionaries for the ensuing year reported: report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we employ J. Culpeper, Sen., for one of our Agents for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we employ F. Hawley for one of our Agents for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed bro. Mills Piland, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed Wm. J. Finley, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed M. D. Freeman, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed Geo. Douglas, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That we highly opprove the Resolution of the Triennial Convention, to raise a hundred thousand dollars within the present year, for Foreign Missions, and that we will use our best efforts to pay our full proportion of that sum.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the expediency of the establishment of a professorship of Sacred Literature at Wake Forest Institute, be allowed to make their report to the next session of this Convention.

The Committee on the Agency reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That the Convention employ the services of two efficient Agents for the whole of the time, during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty shall be to prepare a letter of Instructions for the Agents.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we request bro. Kerr, to deliver a valedictory sermon at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Financial committee reported: report was accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on our Denomination in N. C., reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Bro. J. Kerr appeared, and presented a copy of the Proceedings of the General Association of Virginia, certifying his Delegation to this Body; and he was cordially welcomed to a seat with us.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Agents and Missionaries be instructed to learn the number of Associations, Churches, Ministers, and private members of the denomination in this State—also, how many of the above are favorable to missions, and how many are not—together with the address of the ministers.

The Committee on the Board of Managers reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committe on the Treasury reported: report was received and referred to a Committee to adjust.

Resolved, That, in as much as the Wake Forest Institute is, in point of fact the offspring of the Convention, the Trustees of that institution be requested to accept from this body a nomination out of which to choose members to fill all vacancies occurring in that body.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention, that the late fanatical proceedings touching the subject of abolition, are uncalled for, intrusive, and pernicious, and that as such they have our most unqualified disapprobation.

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from among us, our beloved and highly esteemed bro. Turner Carter, late a Vice President of this body,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Convention entertain a deep sense of his value, and of the loss which has been sustained by his death.

On motion, Adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening. Prayer by bro. Meredith.

Six O'Clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by bro. J. Culpeper, Jr.

Resolved, That we highly approve the services rendered this body by our beloved bro. Wm. J. Finley, and that we hope he will render us his further services as a Missionary of this Convention

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the services rendered this body by our beloved bro. Jas. Thomas, and that we hope, he will in his occasional itineracies, aid our Convention as he may be enabled.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to the proprietors of the tents and of the camp-ground, and the citizens of the neighbourhood, for the handsome and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the session of this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Rev. John Kerr, for his valedictory address to the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That those of our Missionaries who have no families, be paid 15 dollars per month for their services; and that those who have families be paid 20 dollars per month for their services.

Resolved, That the Baptist State Convention of N. C., transfer, and do hereby transfer all their right and title to the Lands of Wake Forest Institute, to the Trustees of the said Wake Forest Institute.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Agents have 75 cents, per day for their services.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we have 1500 copies of these Minutes printed, and that bro. Meredith print them, and send one copy by mail to every subscriber to the Biblical Recorder in N. C.—to every Society that contributes to the funds of this Convention—to every minister of our denomination in this State—and to any others to whom he may deem it expedient.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we request a copy of bro. Armstrong's Sermon, delivered on Saturday, for publication.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the adjustment of the report on the Treasury, be submitted to brethren, A. Battle, J.B.Outlaw, and C.McAllister.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Tresurer be instructed to transmit to the Treasurer of the General Convention of the United States for Foreign Missions, the amount of Funds in our Treasury, for Foreign Missions.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of $70 be appropriated to meet the expenses of bro. Johnston, at the Institute.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of $55 be appropriated to meet the expenses of bro. Wm. Jones, at the Institute.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of $30 be appropriated for the advance payment, to meet the expenses of bro Thos. McDaniel, at the Institute.

On motion, Appointed brethren T. Meredith, J. B. Outlaw, J. McDaniel, S. S Lee, and Jas. King, our Delegates to the General Association of Virginia, at its next session.

On motion, *Resolved*, That those holding funds designed for the use of the Convention, be requested to transmit the same to the Treasurer Wm. Roles, Esq., at Rolesville, Wake county N. C.

On motion, Adjourned.

Prayer by bro. Finley.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

In presenting their fifth annual report, the Board would refer to some

discouraging events of the past year. Since the last meeting of the Convention, death has entered our body and thinned our number.—Scarcely had we recovered from the afflictive dispensation, suffered in the death of bro. Dr. Graham, when the Great Head of the church saw fit to call away our beloved bro. Turner Carter. Bro. C. had been a zealous, active, and liberal member of the Board for the last three years, and his talents, wisdom, and discretion contributed largely in giving efficiency to its operations. In his death the Convention has sustained a grievous loss—but it is our duty to submit without a murmur.

As a source of discouragement and disappointment, the Board would mention the unsettled state of our population. Many of our most efficient brethren have removed to the distant West, and many more are on the eve of departure. This circumstance very materially limits our efforts and checks our progress. In the view of the Board, it admits of a very serious doubt, whether a christian man can be in the path of duty, when he abandons a station in which he is promoting the spiritual interest of his fellow men, for the simple consideration of bettering his worldly condition. The love of self may result in the accumulation of a large earthly treasure, but it is the dictate of nature disorganized by evil; the love of others is a dictate of the gospel, and it will most assuredly tend to promote the interests that extend beyond the world.

"In seeking others' good, we find our own."

But while there are some occurrences over which we are disposed to weep, there are others, which call for the gratitude of our hearts, and the increased efforts of our hands. The Lord continues to sanction the means which we are employing for the salvation of man, and the glory of his own name. The labours of our Agents and Missionaries are attended with success, and the various objects of the Convention are rousing up the energies and commanding the influence of the intelligent and pious of the Denomination.

Bro. Haynes, one of our Missionaries, writes from Haywood county, that the religious state of matters beyond the mountains is very encouraging. He has baptized, during the past year, more than forty persons. He also states that considerable interest is manifested in that region of the State on the subject of religion; and that there is a considerable increase of the friends of liberal views and benevolent Institutions. The field of labor occupied by bro. H. was all the region between the French Broad River and the western boundary of the State. The time of service was six months.

Bro. Richards, another Missionaray, writes from Iredell, and gives an encouraging view of the religious interest of his field of labour. He spent nearly two months in visiting the churches in Ashe, Wilkes, and Iredell. Some of his meetings were more than ordinarily encouraging, and the prospects of good very promising.

Bro. Freeman, another of the Missionaries, has been in the service of the Convention nearly all the past year. His field of labour has been

a large portion of the middle part of the State. Bro. F. is much encouraged with the increasing prospects of the Convention.

The Great Head of the church has, in his mercy, poured out his spirit again upon Wake Forest Institute. Numbers of the young men have professed a hope in the Saviour; and they now give strong evidence of their adoption into the family of the Lord. It is cause of congratulation among ourselves, and much gratitude to the God of mercy, that some of the finest talent of the Institute has been evidently embraced by this revival. We may cherish the hope, that the Lord will make use of the talent which he has converted to himself, for the promotion of his cause in our own State and country, and in the distant regions of the East. We have much reason to bless God that the Institute has ever been brought into existence. The work is the Lord's and the glory shall be the Lord's.

It cannot fail to warm with gratitude every christian heart, that the Head of the church is blessing in a most extraordinary manner, the efforts of our brethren in Burmah, and in the adjacent nations. In the very heart of Burmah, the capital of the Empire, a church has been established, and the Gospel is silently subduing the hearts of the proud benighted Burmans. Within a few years, the Missions of American Baptists in the East, have prospered most gloriously. The mighty influences of the gospel are now pervading a vast amount of Burman mind, and Baptist churches are rising up in different parts of the Empire. Surely we shall not be charged with enthusiasm, if we predict, that at no very distant day, Burmah will be a land of Sabbaths, of gospel light, of gospel glory; when sources of light and benevolence will spring up there, and send their streams of light to other lands, to other people. We, of N. Carolina, bless God that we are yearly contributing in some small degree to scatter the light of truth among the benighted heathen; and we most ardently hope, that ere long some of our own children will be among the happy number, who are now suffering and rejoicing beneath the rays of a Burman sun.

During the meeting of the Board in June last, at Chesnut Grove, the Wilmington church was reported to be in a prosperous condition.—It is a source of high gratification to the Board, to learn that the prospects of that church are more promising than they have ever been before. The church is now blessed with the services of a faithful and zealous pastor.

A Committee was appointed to adopt measures that might tend to secure the services of an efficient pastor for the Raleigh church. This Committee will report to the Convention.

The Board has two beneficiaries under its patronage, at the Wake Forest Institute. They are both pursuing a classical course of study. Their success in their studies is promising, and augurs favorably for future usefulness to the church. They have commended themselves to the faculty of the Institute, as amiable, pious, and interesting young brethren.

In reviewing the past, the Board cannot refrain from expressing their gratitude to God for the great mercy that has attended the efforts of the Convention. Everything that the Convention has touched, has prospered. By the grace of God, our Missionaries have been successful in turning souls to the Lord; and our Agents have, to a very great extent, raised up the Denomination to a sense of its duties, and of the wants of the people. The Great Head of the church has especially blessed the Wake Forest Institute. The past has been one continued series of success, for which our prayer is, "Lord give us thankful hearts."! The future is before us—we have the promise of him who is truth itself, that if we faint not, we shall reap.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.

REPORT OF J. CULPEPER, Sen....AGENT.

Elder John Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dear Brother,—

The time has arrived when it becomes my duty to lay before you, for the use of the Convention, an account of my labours during the past year. In doing this, I deem it proper to state, that shortly after the close of the last session, I visited the churches in the Northern parts of Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, and part of Wake, and attended the meeting of the Board at Wake Forest in December. I next travelled through the counties of Richmond, Robeson, Columbus, and a part of Brunswick, but was prevented by the inclemency of the weather, from visiting the South Western part of Bladen. I then visited the counties of Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, Orange, Person, Caswell, Rockingham, Guilford, and Randolph; and have since visited the counties of Davidson, Stokes, Wilkes, and Rowan, and travelled considerably in Anson—finding Bro. Thomas was called to attend the Western parts of the State. I have travelled 195 days, preached 155 sermons, attended 5 Associations, and seven protracted meetings, of from four to thirteen days continuance. At all of these Associations and Protracted meetings, I had an opportunity of explaining the objects of our Convention, and describing the progress we have made, and are now making in the accomplishment of these objects; and, although great misrepresentation, and consequent prejudice and opposition prevail, in many sections of the country against our plans, I have found the people attentive to our explanations; and where the people can be induced to read the history of our proceedings, and attend to correct and judicious explanations, the mists of prejudice and misapprehension which hung round the enterprize, and benevolent institutions of the day, and obscured their grandeur and importance, have been dispersed; and many of our well meaning, but misguided brethren & friends, who once opposed us, and treated us as the enemies of God and his gospel, are now sincere friends and ready to come to the help of the Lord. Some new societies

have been formed, and some old ones revived and enlarged. Something too, has been done to encourage the formation of Sabbath Schools and Temperance Societies where ever success could be expected.

In some of the churches which have been visited, the state of religion is not the most promising; but in others prospects are pleasing, and great numbers are joining, and the gates of Zion are crowded; and in others much anxiety and feeling are apparent. Many of our brethren in the Ministry, and some of whom we love, refuse to associate with us and unite in the good work, yet we have much cause for gratitude to God. The signs of the times are encouraging, many of our brethren in the extreme western parts of our State, and in most of the adjoining States, are successfully employed in the promotion of the objects contemplated by us. The improvement in our denomination and the success of our efforts are apparent, not only from the additions to many of our churches, and the increase and enlargement of our Auxiliary Societies, but from the numerous large and comfortable houses which have been built, and are now building for religious worship in different parts of our State, and the large sums subscribed for the building of suitable houses for the accommodation of the students at the WakeForest Institute, and in the high standard of religious duty set up in many of our churches.

But although much has been done, and we may truly say, what hath God wrought, yet much, very much remains to be done; and, although God is sovereign and orders all things according to the council of his own will, yet he works by means, and his purposes are accomplished by the means, infinite wisdom has appointed, and God has enjoined in his word. And the success hitherto accompanying our feeble efforts should stimulate us to continued and increasing exertions: and every thing in the word and providence of God, in the state of the church and of the world should urge us to activity in the cause of God and truth.

Our charities should not be scanty, our prayers faint, or our faith weak. That you, my dear Brother, and every member of the Convention, and all our religious friends may have and feel more fully than ever, what are the peculiar duties you owe to God, to the church, and to the world; and may willingly discharge them in the way that is most conducive to God's glory, your individual comfort, and the prosperity of Zion is my fervent prayer.

J. CULPEPER, Sen. Agent.

REPORT OF JAMES THOMAS....AGENT.

Wilkes County, N. C., October 27th, 1835.

Elder John Armstrong Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

My Dear Brother,—

In this communication, I give you an account of my services for the

Convention, in this end of the State, during the last six months, the time and place assigned me by this body. I entered my field of labour the first of last May, and have since devoted my whole time and attention, except 29 days, which time I lost from sickness, rain, and high waters. I have visited the most of the Churches and Towns in Anson, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Rowan, Iredell, Lincoln, Wilkes, and Surry counties, and part of those in Montgomery, Stokes, and Burke, to whom I have preached the word of life as the great means of securing the glory of God in the salvation of sinners, and the most effectual method of suppressing error, defending the faith, and of concentrating the efforts of our denomination in the objects of this Convention. I have often had special evidence of divine favour on my labours in promoting the cause of Missions; in rousing young converts to duty; and, I have a hope, of building up among the saints and churches the Spirit of research for the path of duty in reference to this body. It has been my special care to present to the people the objects and claims of this body, in as true a light as possible, in order to test the love and zeal of all for Christ and his cause, and that each church and individual might have an opportunity of doing their duty.

I have, therefore, left a subscription with each church where I have been, to contain the donations of those who are willing to aid in our work of love. Some rejoice in our prosperity, approve of our plans, and promise to meet us and give us their aid; others seemed friendly, received a subscription at my hand, and asked me to come again, but would not promise to help; a third class will do what they can against us—as usual; a few of these are open to instruction and may be reclaimed; others of this class are determined in their course are set against the light, and, I fear, are beyond recovery.

I have travelled during the last six months, about two hundred miles; preached one hundred & seventy nine sermons; and aided in receiving the christian experience of 66 individuals, 22 of whom I baptized. I have officiated in 8 sacramental services and in two ordinations. Twenty-nine dollars have been handed to me from different individuals for the Convention: the names and the amount will be seen in another place.—About 10 dollars have been given to me, which I will give to the board of this body. My expenses have been about 60 dollars.

I find from the Minutes of the different Associations in this end of the State, and that west of a straight line from Richmond co., to Stokes, that there are 10 Associations, which contain 123 churches, 96 ministers, 60 ordained, 36 licensed, and 5920 communicants; 775 baptized in one year. $171 90 were sent up for Minutes and other purposes. A part of two of the Associations are in South Carolina. Nearly all of these Associations are divided on the subject of Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies, and such like Institutions.—Every kind of imaginary objection is found against these institutions by some—yet, they are viewed in their true light by others, and considered as productive of great good to the moral condition of man, and to the furtherance of the gospel.

The Sabbath School cause is advancing in many places. Eld. J. B.

Ballard, the Sabbath School Agent, has done much for this cause in this region. The Temperance reform is evidently on the decline, and the use of strong drink is taking deep root, more or less in all this fruitful country. I have seen not less than 17 distilleries in operation this fall in my field of labour; and woful to tell, many professors of religion, who say they desire the prosperity of Zion, to do good, eschew evil, and abhor drunkness in all its forms, make, sell, use, give, and send abroad this awful evil, and they often quote the Scriptures to justify their course. It is not the common class of men only that use and spread this poison abroad; but the official members of christian communities, and candidates for public office lend their aid, and are often assisted on in their path to honor by and through the magic influence of this monster of misery. There are some neighborhood and individual exceptions; yes, there are some excellent ones scattered in all this region, who mourn over the ravages of this fiend of darkness; and will not cease to pray and strive against the winds and waves of opposition till help be given from on high.

Some in all of these Associations approve of the cause of missions, pity and pray for the heathen, as they say, and yet do no more; others like part of our movements, reject the rest, and often refuse to aid in any part of our work. Thus I have given a glimpse of the confused state of things in the opposing parts of this end of the State; but as above mentioned, there are other precious ones, who are, I believe, bound upon with the zeal of the Lord of hosts, and will not rest until righteousness go forth as brightness, and salvation as a lamp that burneth, and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

I had it in my power to visit the Mountain, Yadkin, Catawba, and the Brier Creek Associations at their last sessions, and was most kindly received, invited to preach, aided in business, and I presented our claims and cause before them. The Mountain Association, though a large body composed of many ministers—yet, but little aid will be given to us from this region. From this meeting, I passed on among the churches in Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg; and I expected from thence to visit the churches above the blue ridge, and those which compose the western Convention; but, for want of time, and a sudden attack of fever, I was therefore prevented from visiting them at all. But I addressed some of the leading brethren of that region, and from their letters and the Minutes of the new Convention, I infer that in Spirit we and they are one, and th ir course and our course is the same—though they choose to act distinct from us in the same good work. I next visited the Yadkin Association, and found the representation full, and all friendly. This body passed a resolution favourable to our course, and all their things was done in charity. We had a refreshing time from the presence of the Lord. I next met the Catawba Association in session, and laid our cause before them, and after sundry remarks, some for, and some against, it was voted to be noticed in their Minutes, and left to the churches to do in these matters as they saw proper. The same remarks are applicable to the Brier Creek Association, in part, and many of this body will

aid us in all of our measures, and rejoice to see our cause arise. In conclusion I would say that many things occur to damp our feeling, check the cause, and chill our zeal; yet great good has been done, is yet to do, and the cause being the Lord's and must and shall prevail, we should therefore thank the Lord, and take courage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES THOMAS.

REPORT OF WILLIAM J. FINLEY....AGENT.

Union Camp Ground, Nov. 2d, 1835.

Elder John Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Dear Brother,—

It is proper that you should hear from me, concerning my labours for the Convention, during the year now closed. Early in November I was apprized of my appointment by the Convention, as one of its Agents, to travel six months in the section between Cape Fear and Tar River, including the counties of Halifax and Northampton. I made preparation immediately to fulfil the same. The business of my Agency, besides 4 months missionary service, in the 3d section, occupied my time in the counties of Northampton, Duplin, Sampson, Bladen, Johnston, Cumberland, Wayne, Lenoir, Pitt, Beaufort, Craven, Carteret, Jones, and Onslow, to the close of July. Severe weather, and in some instances failure in appointments, prevented me from labouring in some of the above counties, as much as I anticipated. Since the 1st of August, I have visited as many as it was practicable, of the churches in the counties of Wake, Franklin, Nash, Halifax, Northampton, Edgecombe, and Green. An alteration was made in my arrangements without my knowledge, which prevented my visiting Warren, except merely to pass through it.

I have travelled 127 days, visited 3 protracted meetings, 1 union meeting, several meetings of from two to three days continuance, 2 Associations, and 1 camp meeting; preached 124 sermons; delivered many exhortations; twice assisted in Ordinations; eight times in administering the Sacrament of the supper; and many times in receiving the experience of candidates for admittance into the church. I desire to thank the Lord, that he has not left me without reason to believe that his hand has been upon me. In my efforts to administer the word, at many times my own soul, and the souls of many of them to whom it was my privilege to administer, felt it to be in deed, and in truth, the word of God.—Although coldness has been much complained of in the churches, I have had the happiness to see, at many times, believers renewed in their strength; sinners mourning on account of sin, and some of these in a little time rejoicing in a good hope through grace. Some of my brethren in the ministry, I have no doubt, have seen more revivals recently than I have; but I thank the Lord, who has given even me to see him reviving his work; as for instance, at Potecasy in Northampton co.,

and at Mount Pisgah, in Chatham. I have been generally, well received and kindly treated; even by some who had not been favourably disposed towards our institution.

Opposition has generally lost its violence, but it is much to be regretted, that many who profess themselves friendly to our institutions, have little or no zeal. This circumstance is worse for the good cause, than all the opposition that can be made. This will also apply to Temperance Societies, which are, however, in many parts, exerting a mild influence which is felt by many who speak, or have spoken against them. In a few places, Sabbath Schools are pretty well attended; but in our State, the system seems to be only in its infancy. For, as far as I have become acquainted with facts touching the Associations which oppose the institutions of the day, their increase for the past year, has been, if any, comparatively small.

I have received, as will be seen in the Table below, the amount of $37 37 in small donations to the Convention. I have had on some occasions, subscription papers, in behalf of the funds of your venerable body, and was kindly received. Your present meeting, I expected, would witness some of the results. I received in presents to my self, the sum of $40, sixteen of which I shall appropriate to the interest of the Convention.

Now, that the Lord may prosper you in all your pious understakings for the promotion of his declarative glory, is the prayer of

Your obedient servant in the Lord,

WILLIAM J. FINLEY.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE W. F. INSTITUTE.

Your Committee on the Wake Forest Institute beg leave to report; that all the operations of this Institution are moving on prosperously and harmoniously. The present year commenced with about one hundred students, and their number continues about the same. An examination of the students of the Institute took place in July last: and the report of the examining committee is obliged to render high gratification to all the friends of this beloved concern, and place still higher in estimation, those who have the immediate charge of the school.

For it cannot be doubted, that the uncommon progress made by the students of the Institute is entirely dependent on the constant and untiring zeal of its Professors, our esteemed brethren Wait and Armstrong, and to those names may now be added, that of brother Graves as Tutor. Matters there move on hormoniously and in order; the students take pride in their school, and go forward with alacrity and cheerfulness in all its operations. The healthful appearance of the young men, and the successful progress in their studies, must prove satisfactorily to every mind, the great advantages of the labour department of that Institution. The College building undertaken by Capt. John Berry, is going on with steady briskness, and no doubts are entertained of its completion even before the time allotted; but it is doubtful whether or no, any convenience will be available from it, before the beginning of the year 1837.— In addition to that building, the students themselves have erected a com-

fortable house with four commodious rooms.

Your Committee entertain no doubts or fears about the continued success of this child of the Convention, and recommend it still to its fostering care and protection. The experiment of connecting manual labour with sudy, has now, we judge, been fairly made. The publick are aware of the advantages, and now your Committee can confidently say, it is their belief that we have every thing to hope, and nothing to fear.—Your Committee cannot close this report, without referring to the blessed fact of the late revival among the students of the Institute. We say blessed, because few such incidents are to be found in the annals of history. That it should thus please God, in such an almost miraculous manner, *once a year*, to pour out his spirit upon so many, so young, and in so short a period. Among the number, are many of the finest gifts of the Institute, and your Committee rejoice and bless God in the prospect, that from this nursery may go out many proclaimers of salvation through Christ.

But such are the facts, and although to us, they may appear wonderful—yet we rejoice in the result, and take courage in the belief, that God, in his providence, is already amply rewarding those whohave toiled to put this Institution into operation, by thus early bringing so many to a knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus; those whose happy lots have been cast, as students of the Wake Forest Institute.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee to whom was referred the periodical, beg leave to present the following report:

The present prosperous condition of the Convention, must in some considerable degree, be referred to the influence of the press. The Interpreter contributed largely to enlighten the minds of our brethren on the importance of the various objects of the Convention. The Biblical Recorder succeeded the Interpreter, and during the last year, it has been a powerful auxiliary to the benevolent efforts of the age. It admits of a doubt with your Committee, whether, as a Convention, we could now get along at all, without the aid of a periodical. We have no hesitation in saying, that our success will be proportionate to the extent of its circulation. Your Committee cannot say too much in praise of the able, and successful manner in which the editor has conducted his paper.

Your Committee would recommend to you, the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Convention, will each use our utmost endeavours to secure five additional subscribers, and forward them on to the editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Resolved, That the Convention earnestly request that all the friends of the Convention do the same.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Chairman

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report:

Your Committee have taken this subject into consideration, as much as their limited opportunities would permit. We believe that it is an institution of great importance, and calculated by the blessing of God to extend the kingdom of Christ.

We find, however, that there are difficulties, which in some places, prevent their successful operation. Among these may be mentioned, a want of suitable teachers and superintendents, apathy in relation to the instruction of children, sparseness of the population in some parts of the State, indifference of some of the ministry on the subject, a want of suitable houses in which to hold schools, prejudice against the institution, and last, tho' not least, a want of information on the subject.

Notwithstanding all these obstacles, this work of love is moving onward. Something has been done. There are, as reported, by the American Sunday School Union, in their last report, in this State, 152 schools, 1,210 teachers, 7,651 scholars belonging to that institution. And, from what we know of other schools, which do not belong to that Society, we judge it safe to estimate the whole number in the State, at 228 schools, 1,815 teachers, 11,416 scholars. There are, also, 14 depositories established at the most important points in the State, where suitable books for libraries can be obtained.

The A. S. S. Union, by their agents, have filled up 24 counties with S. Schools in the State, and partially supplied a number more; and they are making efforts as fast as their means will admit, to establish a S. School in every neighborhood where it is practicable; and to supply them with suitable books.

Your Committee firmly believe that this institution is, when properly managed a powerful means under God of promoting the learning, the morals, and the salvation of the rising population of our country; that it is the means of promoting a better observance of the Sabbath and of producing a missionary spirit; for who can read the Memoirs of a Swartz, a Brainard, a Martyn, a Mrs. Judson, books in the S. School library, and not feel favorably impressed in favor of the cause of missions? We also conceive that it is the means of calling the attention of young men to the gospel ministry.

How many a young man, while imparting instruction to his S. School class and exhorting them to be reconciled to God, has had his mind deeply impressed with preaching the same Jesus whom he loves, to his perishing fellow creatures.

While something has been done in this state in this good cause, yet we conceive there is much remains to be done; that renewed, vigorous, and persevering measures should be taken as soon as practicable to establish and sustain a good Sabbath School in all our congregations throughout the land.

Under these considerations, therefore, we do most earnestly recommend this subject to the consideration, prayers, and vigilent co-operation of our denomination throughout the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. BALLARD.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Baptist Denomination in the State of North Carolina, respectfully report:

That we have it not in our power to give you an accurate statistical statement of the Baptist interest in the state; nor are we certain that such a course would be consistent with our duties.

There are twenty-eight Associations in the State, including three, situated partly in South Carolina. Twenty of these Associations, are mainly engaged in promoting the benevolent efforts of the Age. There has been a considerable increase in number in their churches during the past year—some have received but few additions; but others have been greatly strengthened by large additions, amongst which are found many persons of intelligence and wealth. The churches have not generally, an adequate supply of Ministerial laborers; and a considerable number of our preachers are not so well informed as we could desire. We are happy, however, to be able to state, that our ministry is growing in numbers, piety, energy, and intelligence. We realize a gradual increase of interest in favor of the Missionary Enterprize, and other kindred institutions.

There are in North-Carolina about thirty-thousand communicants in the Baptist Churches. These, with the exception of eight Associations in the opposition, containing comparatively few in number, are advancing in all those things pertaining to godliness, and which are calculated to give us that standing in the community to which our doctrines entitle us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CULPEPER, Jun. Ch.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to present the following Report:

There is great cause of gratitude to the God of Missions, for the success with which he has crowned the efforts of his people, to send the light of life to those who have long been sitting in the region and shadow of death.

All the stations occupied at the time of your last annual meeting, are now in successful operation. Some of them have been replenished with additional laborers; and other facilities for publishing the word of eternal life, in various forms, among the heathen, have been multiplied, and are almost daily multiplying.

The wilderness and the solitary places begin to be glad for them, and the desert is beginning to blossom as the rose. Very recently, sixteen devoted servants of the Lord Jesus, (four of them from your sister state, Virginia,) have bid farewell to home, and kindred, and country, and taken their departure to different, and distant heathen lands, to toil, and suffer, and die, for the benefit of their benighted fellow beings, and the glory of their Lord and Master. The field of labour alrady white to the harvest, is widening before us, and inviting us to greater effort and greater glory.

The board of the "General Convention of the Baptist denomination in the U. States" has determined to send out every qualified man who may present himself as a missionary; and the Triennial Convention, at its recent session, resolved to raise within the current year, a hundred thousand dollars for that glorious object.

Under the direction of the board, Elder Howard Malcom is gone to visit all our Missionary stations—explore the enemy's territory—look out new fields of labour, and report the most favorable points of attack upon the Empire of sin and death.

The word and works of God speak upon this subject, a language which cannot be misunderstood.

The heathen are given to our Redeemer for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth, for a possession. Soon it shall be announced in heaven "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

In view of the encouraging prospects before us, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we highly approve the Resolution of the Triennial Convention, to raise a hundred thousand dollars within the present year, for foreign missions, and that we will use our best efforts to pay our full proportion of that sum.

JOHN KERR Ch.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following report:—

From the best information which your committee have been able to obtain, it appears that the existing state of our Domestic Mission, is far from being as prosperous as we could wish, or as the interests of the denomination require. Reports have been received from but five of our Missionaries, appointed the last year, from which circumstance the inference is to be drawn, that these are the only persons who have at all complied with their appointments. Of these, but two have performed more than a few months' service. These facts, added to the circumstances, that we have received but a very limited representation from several sections of the State, and that the Domestic Mission funds are presumed to be less than they have been on any preceeding occasion, furnish conclusive evidence that something is materially wrong in this important branch of our operations. And your committee would here take occasion to remark, that efficient and successful measures in this department are of the more signal importance on account of the obvious fact, that, on the success of our operations in this department, depends, in a great measure, our success in each of the others.

In view of the foregoing, your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That Missionary service be employed, during the ensuing year, to the full extent of the funds in hand.

2. That the attention of our churches, societies, &c. be specially called to the claims of our Domestic Mission, as a matter of paramount importance.

3. That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to superintend our Missionary operations during the ensuing twelve months—to make contracts to give instructions—and, especially to secure the execution of the first resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
T. MEREDITH, Ch.

REPORT ON THE AGENCY.

The committee on the agency would respectfully report: That one of our agents has performed his whole term of service, and gone through his entire section—that one has gone through about one half of his section—that from one we have received no direct intelligence—and that the other has done nothing. From these facts it is obvious that a large proportion of the state has not been visited at all. The consequence is such as was to be apprehended, namely, numerous failures in representation in this body, and a corresponding deficiency in the amount of funds contributed. These circumstances, in the view of the committee, render it indispensably necessary for the convention to change the mode of operation adopted the last year. The committee would accordingly recommend the following resolutions:—

1. Resolved, That the Convention employ the services of two efficient Agents for the whole of the time, during the ensuing year.

2. Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to nominate two Agents for the next year.

3. Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty shall be to prepare a letter of Instruction for the Agents.

All of which is respectfully sudmitted,
T. MEREDITH, Ch.

ROPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submit the following report:---Among the various objects of the Convention, the object of Education commands a prominent place. As a Denomination, we, of all men, ought to be the most intelligent. Our distinguishing characteristic as a people is the important sentiment, that "man is capable of self government" and hence our churches are all founded upon the broad principles of Republicanism, and independent of each other. In order, therefore, to defend our principles, to administer the government of our churches, and give respectability to our claims, we must be an intelligent people. The mass of ignorance which pervades a large portion of our Denomination, must be dissipated by education, before we can hope to remove the narrow prejudices which now render them suspicious of the expanding benevolence, and Christian efforts of their more enlightened brethren. An enlightened people will have an enlightened ministry. If, therefore, we enlighten the people, they will take care that the ministry be competent to meet the demands of the age. The committee would, therefore, commend Wake Forest Institute to the especial patronage of the Convention. The interest of the Denomination is intimately connected with the Institute. The Convention has two young ministering brethren at the Institute, and there is a prospect of the application of several more. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the attention of the brethren be directed to the Education fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Ch.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to say: that they are gratified in learning that, in many parts of this State, the cause is advancing. New Societies, since the last session of this body, have been formed in various parts of the State; and multitudes have attached themselves to these Societies, and are doing all in their power to increase the general interest of the cause. We pretend not to know the precise number of Societies formed, or individuals added; and probably it might not be important at present to know this. Suffice for us to know that the Lord has, in this respect, done great things for us, whereof we are glad.—But while we reflect with rejoicing on what has been done in this work, we should not forget that much is remaining yet to be done. There is much land yet to be possessed. And here your Committee would recommend the propriety of increased effort on the part of all the friends of the Temperance reformation. We consider this to be the cause of God, inasmuch as it has in view the same ends which have ever characterized the beneficient Jehovah. We regard it vastly important, both on account of the present and future consequences of the use of this awful bane; but still we would hope that great prudence might accompany all our efforts in this benevolent undertaking. In putting down one side, let us labour not to create another. In destroying drunkness, let us not excite malice and hatred. Especially we would suggest that, whatever zeal may be discovered in us on this point, let no expressions in addresses, or on any occasion be indulged which might chill the hearts of any against the ministry, or more especially against the gospel.

A. W. CHAMBLISS, Ch.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties	Contributions.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
Wake,	Chesnut Grove,	6 25	3 75		10 00
	Wake Forest,	31 00	31 00	31 00	93 00
	Rolesville Church,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10 00
	N. A. Purify,	1 50	1 50		3 00
	M.M. Dunn's Sub. paper,	40 00			40 00
Craven,	Newbern,	15 00			15 00
	Female Working Society,	15 00			15 00
S. C.	John Massey, Esq.		5 00		5 00
Cumbl'd.	Cape Fear, F.M.Society,	31 00			31 00
	Cape Fear Association,	10 00	42 22		52 22
Craven,	W. P. Biddle,	10 00			10 00
Chath'm	Reeves' Chapel,	3 43	3 43	3 44	10 30
	Joshua Williams,		3 00		3 00
	W. H. Bridges,		1 00		1 00
	Cash,		20		20
	May's Chapel,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	McLoud's M. House,	2 33	2 33	2 34	7 00
	Bear Creek,	2 20	2 20	2 21	6 62
Richm'd	Carthledge Creek,	17 44	33 06	9 50	60 00
	Bethel,	1 00	16 25	3 00	20 25
Davids'n	Lick Creek,	6 55	1 72	1 73	10 00
	Abbott's Creek,	9 75	25		10 00
Iredell,	Society Church,	6 50	7 00	75	14 25
	New Hope,*	16 33	17 00	34	33 75
Guilford,	Jamestown,	9 50	50		10 00
Meck'bg.	Beulah,	5 00	10 00	5 00	20 00
Caswell,	County Line Church,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Montg'y.	New Union,	1 00	4 85	1 00	6 85
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	6 66	39 68	5 17	50 70
	Deep Creek,		5 20		5 20
	Rocky River,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Johnston	Smithfield,	4 45	6 20	3 45	14 10
Rowan,	Eaton's,	5 25	1 00	4 00	10 25
Person,	Olive Branch,	7 25	7 50	50	15 25
Gr'nville	Grassy Creek,	6 30	8 85	3 37	19 52
Person,	Beulah Association,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Orange,	Mount Zion,	4 00	3 33	2 67	10 00
	Mount Carmel,	2 00	6 00	2 00	10 00
N. Han'r.	Wilmington,		10 00	10 00	20 00
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	4 25	3 25	2 50	10 00
Davids'n	Holloway's Church,	9 00	1 00		10 18
Gr'nville	Hester's Church,	1 00	8 93	25	10 00
Orange,	W. H. Merritt,	10 00	20 00	10 00	40 52
Chath'm.	Mineral Spring,	3 84	3 84	3 84	11 00
Meckb'g.	James Thomas,	5 00	5 00		10 00
S. C.	Female Benevolent Soc.		16 00		16 00
Meckb'g.	Burrell Cashon,	1 00			1 00
	Miss S. Aberathie,	25			25
	Mrs. N. Aberathie,	25			25
Ruth'f'd.	Servant Daniel,		5		5
Surry,	Rev. P. Ramsour,	2 00			2 00

* $3 00 Africa n Mis.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Wilkes.	C. Christman,	1 00			1 00
	Mrs P. Holley,	1 00			1 00
	Mrs. F. Carmichald,	50			50
	Miss V. Carmichald,	50			50
Anson,	Mr. D. Bryan,	1 00			1 00
Iredell,	Col. Jos. White,	2 00			2 00
Person,	Daniel Speck,			1 00	1 00
Gr'nville	W. Elderson,			25	25
	Francis Hester,	50			50
	Lewis Montague,	50	50		1 00
	W. Montague,	37	38		75
	F Montague,	25	25	25	75
Moore,	John Montague,	12	13		25
Montg'y	Jos. G. Moore,	50	50		1 00
Chat'm.	Asa W. Chambers,	2 50	2 50		5 00
Orange,	Rockey Spring,	8 20	12 00		20 20
Ashe,	Antioch, —	3 25	6 76		10 00
Burke,	R. Murchison,	2 50	2 50		5 00
Wilkes,	Globe Church,	2 00			2 00
Rowan,	W. Coffey,	10			10
Wake,	Fork Church,	5 00	3 75	1 25	10 00
Meck'bg.	Raleigh,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Surry,	Long Creek,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Surry,	Island Ford,	6 50	6 75		13 25
Stokes,	Thos, Wright,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Moore,	New Friendship,	8 00	2 00		10 00
Montg'y.	Dover M. H.	4 75	5 25		10 00
Hertford,	Cross Road Forks,	7 50	2 25	25	10 00
	Maherring M. H.	3 83	3 83	3 84	11 50
Wake,	Cedar Fork,	4 00	8 30		12 30
Chath'm.	Mount Pisgah Church,	2 25	8 00		10 25
Orange,	Mount Moriah,	2 00	8 00		10 00
Davids'n	Jersey Settlement,	6 27	14 72	5 83	26 83
Stokes,	Henry Alspanct,		50		50
Surry,	Thos. Douglas,	1 00			1 00
Montg'y	Kendall's Church,	3 37	2 63		6 00
N.Han.	W. J. Finley,	5 33	5 33	5 34	16 00
Northa'n	J. Peel,				3 00
	L. Cook,				3 00
	Pottecasy Church,				6 00
N. Han.	Miss Betsey Pridger,				5 11
	Miss B. Buxton,				25
	John Halloman,				5 00
Wake,	Hephsebah,				1 75
	Sandy Creek,				75
	Gallaway's,	12 45	12 45	12 46	5 16
Pitt,	Annonimous,				50
	SistersMoore&Blount,				1 00
N. Han.	Moore's Creek,				75
Lenoir,	Alexander Moseley,				1 00
Warren,	—— Watson,				1 00
Carteret.	—— Davis,				1 00
Edgc'mb	—— Parker,				1 00
Nash,	Miss Powell,				50
Gr'nville	Mr. & Mrs. Frazier,				50

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

COUNTRY LINE M. H., CASWELL COUNTY,

NOVEMBER 11–15, 1836.

NEWBERN:

PRINTED AT THE RECORDER OFFICE.

1837.

Granville,	Tabb's Creek,		
	Beulah Association,	W. Graves, John Stamps,	Yanceyville.
	do. do.	Wm. H. Jordan,	Raleigh.
	Grassy Creek,	Thomas B. Barnett,	Waterloo.
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	George Doughlass,	Judesville.
Montgomery,	Bethlehem,		
Rowan,	Eaton's church,	Isaac N. Frost,	Moxyille.
	Fork M. House,		
	Jersey M. House,	John Culpeper, Sen.,	Beverly.
Chowan,	Edenton,	Josiah J. Finch,	Edenton.
	Chowan Associa.,		
Bertie,	Sandy Run,		
Perquimans,	Bethel,	Chas. W. Skinner,	Herford.
Sampson,	Goshen Association		
Anson,	Rocky River,		
Ashe,	do. do.	Richard Jacks,	Jeffersonton.
Franklin,	Maple Spring,	Amos J. Battle,	Nashville.
	Ladies of Shiloh congregation,		
Mecklenburg,	Charlotte Foreign & H. Missionary Society,	S. Fox, C. J. Fox,	Charlotte.
Rockingham,	do. do.	Robert W. Lawson,	Lawson's Store.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

ALFRED DOCKERY, President,
THOS. MEREDITH, J. B. OUTLAW, SAML. WAIT, Vice Presidents,
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Cor. Secretary,
JAMES M'DANIEL, Rec. Secretary,
AMOS J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats; whereupon brethren J. Kerr and Abraham M. Poindexter, from the General Association of Virginia, and H. A. Wilcox, Agent of the American Home Missionary Society, were seated accordingly.

The following Committees were appointed, viz. on Foreign Missions, Hooper, Wilcox, and Jordan; on Domestic Missions, Meredith, Spivey, and Culpeper; on Education, Armstrong, Battle, and Skinner; on the Wake Forest Institute, Outlaw, Freeman, and Barnett; on the expediency of a Female Institute, Hooper, Armstrong, and Meredith; on Periodicals, Poindexter, Thompson, and Finch; on Sunday Schools, Ballard, Hawley, and Cook; on Temperance, Culpeper, Meredith, and Northam; on American Home Missions, Wilcox, Armstrong, and Meredith; on Tracts, Kerr, Doughlas, and Jacks; on the Board of Managers, Battle, Thompson, and Meredith; on the expediency of sending Delegates to the Bible Convention in Philadelphia next April, Jordan, Skinner, and Battle; on the Treasury, Armstrong, Battle, and Frost; on the Agency, Skinner, Thompson, and McDaniel.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by bro. Wilcox.

Nov. 12th.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by bro. Meredith.

The names of Delegates were called.

The Bye Laws of the Convention were read.

The reports of the Agents were called for; upon which J. Culpeper, Sen., and F. Hawley, Agents for the last year, read their reports, which were accepted and ordered to be published. See Appendix.

The reports of the missionaries were called for;—whereupon C. Doughlas, M. Piland, and M. D, Freeman reported respectively; which reports were referred to the Cor. Sec. with an order that an abstract of the same should be prepared for publication.

The committee appointed last year to settle with the former Treasurer, Chas. McAllister, made report, which was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See Appendix.

Resolved, that the next session of the Convention be held at May's Chapel, Chatham co., 8 miles south west of Pittsboro'; to commence on Friday preceeding the 1st. Lord's day in November, 1837. A. J. Battle was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon; T. Meredith, the sermon in behalf of the Convention on Sabbath; and J M'c Daniel, the Conventional sermon on Saturday.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas God has taken from earth that devoted minister, Elder Luther Rice; therefore, *Resolved*, that we regard the death of Elder Rice as a most severe loss to the Baptist denomination: *Resolved*, that we believe that, under God, Elder Rice has contributed largely, perhaps more so than any individual now living, to the elevation of the Baptist churches in the United States, and that for his labours in the cause of missions and ministerial education especially, we are under lasting obligations to have a grateful remembrance of him:—*Resolved*, that, as a tribute of respect to his memory, and an expression of unfeigned sorrow at his death, Elder J. Kerr be requested to preach on Monday next, a sermon suitable to the occasion.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to communicate with appropriate bodies in Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, & District of Columbia, respecting the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late Luther Rice: Meredith, Armstrong, and Hooper the committee.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'clock: prayer by bro. McDaniel.

Sunday, Nov. 13th.

The services of the day were opened by J. B. Ballard with singing, reading a portion of scripture, & prayer; after which T. Meredith preached the Conventional sermon from 1. Cor. 4: 2 "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Jas. M'c Daniel followed, and preached a sermon in behalf of the convention, from Psalm 72: 19.—"Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen:" After which a collection was taken up. The congregation was then dismissed for half an hour, after which they were addressed by H. A. Wilcox,

in a sermon on John 3: 3. "Verily,verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

At candle-light, Elder Wm. Hooper preached from Rom. 6: 17. "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

Nov. 14th.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.—Prayer by A. J. Battle.

The roll having been called, the reports of Committees were called for: Whereupon the Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, The Wake Forest Institute, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, and the Expediency of establishing a Female Seminary, made reports in order, which were received, and ordered to be published. See Appendix.

On motion, suspended business to hear. brother Kerr's sermon, occasioned by the death of the late Luther Rice.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening—Prayer by bro. Jordan.

Evening Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment.—Bro. Meredith prayed.

The Committees on Temperance, Am. Home Missions, Tracts, the nomination of a Board of Managers, and the expediency of sending a delegation to the Bible Convention in April next, made reports, which were accepted and ordered to be published. See appendix.

On nomination, the following persons were duly elected a Board of Managers for the ensuing year: Wm. Hooper, Wm. H Jordan, J. J. Finch, Wm. W. Crenshaw, C. W. Skinner, D. Justice, H. S. Spivey, J. S. Mims, D.S. Williams, R T.Sanders, D.Thomson, A. Bowden, E.Burns, E. Crutchfield, G. W. Thompson, G. Northam, A. J. Spivey, T. B.Barnett, W. Graves, W. H. Merritt, R. D. Bumpas, A. S. Wynne, John Purify, A. Craig, I. N. Frost, S. J. Wheeler, G. Ryan, Steph. Fox, Wm. Crenshaw.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of forming a State Bible Society, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society; and, in case the proposed formation should be deemed expedient, to prepare a constitution and such other documents as may be considered necessary—to report to-morrow: Meredith, Freeman, and Culpepper, the said committee.

As Wm. Roles declined the appointment of Treasurer last year, J. B. Outlaw, as acting Treasurer, reported:—report accepted and ordered to be printed. See Appendix.

Resolved, that an order be issued, for the Treasurer to pay to the agents and missionaries of this body, the respective sums due them for sevices rendered the past year.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to nominate a suitable number of missionaries to operate for the Convention the ensuing year:—Outlaw, Fox, and Spivey the said committee.

Resolved, that the committee on the Agency be instructed to report on the expediency of continuing the Agency in behalf of the Conven-

tion, and in case of expediency, to nominate one or more persons for the office contemplated.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to Elder John Kerr, for his discourse on the death of Eld. Luther Rice; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, we believe the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be essential to the prosperity and future happiness of the whole human family; Whereas a large portion of the inhabitants of our own land are, to an alarming extent, destitute of the means of obtaining a knowledge of this religion; and Whereas, it is the object of the American Baptist Home Mission Society to furnish for every individual in our land, the means of acquiring this knowledge: therefore—

Resolved, that we are, as citizens and as christians, under peculiar obligation to labor for the diffusion of religious knowledge and moral principle among the inhabitants of our own country.

Resolved, that, in our opinion, this alone will counteract the deliterious influence of the numerous errors which are abroad in the land, and arrest the sore evils which threaten us as a people.

Resolved, therefore, that we heartily approve of the object of the A. B. H. M. Society and recommend it to the prayers, confidence, and liberal support of the friends of religion and of human happiness in our own state.

Resolved, that we cordially receive the Rev. H. A. Wilcox, one of the agents of that Society, to our State; and hope that he may be greatly successful in exciting an interest in, and procuring funds for, this worthy object.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.—Prayer by bro. Finch.

Nov. 15th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.—Prayer by bro. Spivey.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to nominate 30 brethren from whom the Trustees of the Wake Forest Institute may fill vacancies in their board: Battle, Thompson and Meredith the committee.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to bro. Outlaw for the services rendered by him, as Treasurer, the past year.

Resolved, that we approve of the Convention of the Baptists of the U. States, to be held in Philadelphia, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Bible Society.

The committee on the expediency of forming a State Bible Society reported—report accepted and ordered to be appended to the minutes. See Appendix.

On motion, suspended the business of the Convention for the purpose of organizing a State Bible Society, which was done accordingly.

The Committee on the Agency reported; report accepted, and ordered to be printed. See Appendix.

Resolved, That the sum of $345 be appropriated to meet the expenses of our beneficiaries at Wake Forest Institute; viz. for bro. Johnson, $60, do. $95—for bro. Jones, $95—for bro. Thos. McDaniel, $95.

The committee appointed to nominate persons from whom to supply vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the W. F. Ins. reported—report accepted, and ordered to be handed over to the Sec. of the said Board of Trustees.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening.—Prayer by bro. Doughlas.

Evening Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Merritt.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take immediate measures to secure the amount of $17,000, for the purpose of establishing a professorship for Theological instruction in this State: the Committee, Meredith, Armstrong, and McDaniel.

The Committee on the nomination of Missionaries reported—report accepted.

Appointed Richard Jacks, George Doughlas, John Culpeper, Sen., Wm. J. Finley, and Eli Phillips, Missionaries of the Convention for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inform the two absent Missionaries of their appointment, and learn from them whether or not they accept; and, in case they fail, to endeavour to secure the services of two others; and also, to furnish the Missionaries with suitable instructions: the Committee Battle, Meredith, and Ballard.

Resolved, That this body concur with the proposition of the Bible Society, for the publication of the proceedings of both meetings in the same pamphlet.

The Financial Committee reported—report accepted, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See Appendix.

Resolved, That there be 1500 copies of these Minutes printed and circulated as heretofore.

Resolved, That the Bye Laws of the Convention be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to T. Meredith $60 for printing the last Minutes of the Convention.

Resolved, That bro. F. Hawley be appointed to travel the ensuing year, under the auspices of this Convention, to procure subscribers to the Biblical Recorder.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the inhabitants of Yanceyville and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to bro. Meredith for the Conventional sermon he delivered, and that he be requested to publish the same in the Recorder.

Adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.—Address and prayer by bro. Meredith.

Note.—The services of bro. Hawley are to be recompensed out of private funds—the funds of the Convention being inapplicable to such object.

APPENDIX.

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J. CULPEPER'S REPORT.

Elder John Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. Carolina:

My dear Brother,—

Another year has rolled round, and it becomes my duty to lay before you an account of my labors during the past year. When I returned from the Convention last year, I spent ten or twelve days in the South part of Anson, and in the adjacent parts of South Carolina. I then travelled through the lower end of Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, and Wake; attended the meeting of the Board at the Institute late in November; and then proceeded to visit some of the churches in Granville, in the lower end of Orange, Chatham, Moore, and Richmond. I next visited the churches in the counties of Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, the upper part of Orange, Chatham, Granville, Person, Caswell, and part of the churches in Rockingham; was prevented by the inclemency of the weather from visiting the others; and returned through Stokes, Davidson, and Montgomery. I next visited the churches in the counties of Richmond, and proceeded as far as the upper end of Robeson; thence through the upper end of Montgomery, Rowan, Surry, Ashe, Wilkes, and Iredell; and returned to attend a Protracted Meeting in Montgomery. I then visited the churches in the upper end of Anson and Mecklenburg; some in Lincoln, Rutherford, Burke, Iredell, and Cabarrus; and returned and attended several Protracted Meetings in Anson. Thence I travelled through Montgomery and Davidson, and attended the Liberty Association in Davidson, and a Protracted Meeting at Brier Creek, in Wilkes; and returned and attended a Protracted Meeting at Brown Creek, in Anson. The first of September I started to visit the churches in the upper end of Anson, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Iredell, Burke, and Wilkes, and attended the Brier Creek, Yadkin, Catawba, Pee Dee, and Sandy Creek Associations; a Protracted Meeting at May's Chapel, in Chatham; thence through Chatham, Orange, and Caswell to the Convention. I have travelled 375 days; have preached 253 sermons; attended 6 Associations; and 13 Protracted Meetings.—At each of these Associations and Protracted Meetings I have had an opportunity of explaining the objects of the Convention, and of describing the progress we and other kindred bodies are making in the accomplishment of these objects, and of other benevolent enterprises. I have also assisted in the formation and enlargement of several Sabbath Schools and Temperance Societies. And although our objects are very much misrepresented, and much opposition is yet kept up in consequence of these misrepresentations, where our objects are not fully known, and our motives not properly appreciated, yet I find in every section of our

country a disposition to listen to explanations in most of the people; and as far as our objects are known, and the effects of our plans are seen and felt, the prejudices of the people are vanishing; and in several sections of the country they are increasing the number of S. Schools, and Temperance Societies; and habits of drinking spirits are abandoned; and in many parts of our country the churches are forming Itinerant Boards, and employing itinerant preachers. Most of the opposition I meet with, is immaginary evils, and vanishes before the truth. Many who were misinformed, and opposed to us, are now sincere friends.—But our work is not yet finished. Much, very much, remains to be done both in our highly favoured country and in foreign lands. And great caution, and continued and increasing exertions are necessary, and a full confidence in God, a full acquaintance with his word, and an entire dependence on him, are of the utmost importance in all the friends and supporters of these institutions.

Beneath the inspiring influence of the Almighty, the church and the community are aroused and excited by the persuasion, that a glorious period is at hand. This idea is daily gaining ground, and no person who calmly views the signs of the times, can doubt it. The Church of the living God is the pillar and ground of the truth; the eyes of angels, of men, and of devils are upon us. Let us strive for an increase of holiness, for a more intimate acquaintance with the promises and designs of Jehovah, as recorded in the scriptures of truth. Let us try to form proper conceptions of the events fortold by him, who declared the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done. And let us strive, by the grace of God, to prepare ourselves and others, to stand in our lots, and discharge our respective duties, and bear sufferings, and make sacrifices proportioned to the importance of the objects contemplated, and the end to be attained. That you, my dear Brother, and every member of the Convention, and every friend of the Redeemer, may properly appreciate the importance of these things, and discharge your respective duties, and live to God's glory, and die in his favour, is the prayer of yours in gospel bonds,

JOHN CULPEPER, AGENT.

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F. HAWLEY'S REPORT.

Elder John Armstrong, Cor.Sec. of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

Dear Brother,—

The time has arrived when it becomes my duty to lay before the Convention through you some account of my labours for the last year. I deem it important, in the first place, to state that the committee appointed at the last Convention to prepare a letter of instruction for the Agents, neglected to discharge their duty; therefore I was left without instructions, both as to my field of labour and mode of operation.

However, shortly after the close of the last meeting of your body, I made a tour through the counties of Bladen, and Columbus, on to Wilmington, from thence to a protracted meeting in Duplin co. I also visited several

churches in this and Sampson co., & returned home in January. About the first of Feb. I made another tour, passing through the counties of Chatham, Wake, Franklin, and Nash. I then made a short tour through Robeson and Columbus. The last of April I started for the Eastern part of the State, passing through the counties of Bladen, Duplin, and Sampson, on to Greenville; from thence I passed on through Martin, and so on to the meeting of the Chowan Association, convened at Bethel, Perquimans co. I found this Association to be quite an intelligent and a very respectable body. It is almost unnecessary to say that I was cordially received and permitted to participate in their deliberations. Much good feeling prevailed throughout the session. Measures were unanimously adopted in favour of the Bible cause, and delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the Bible Convention next April. From this I visited the church at Edenton, and so on through the counties of Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, by the way of Tarboro, through the lower end of Nash, closing this tour at Hepseba in Wake county.

The last of July I proceeded again through the counties of Wake and Franklin, visiting a few churches as I passed on to the Minister's and Deacon's meeting at Cole Rain, Bertie, co., the object of which is to settle all differences and difficulties that may exist among the Ministers and Deacons belonging to the Association. This was the second meeting of the kind and much good feeling prevailed; and but little doubt existed as to the utility of such meetings. They adjourned to meet again the 3d Sabbath in August, 1837. From this I returned, passing through Northampton, and attended a protracted meeting held at Conoconary, Halifax co., and from this through a part of Nash, Franklin, Wake, Chatham & Moore, and arrived at home about the 20 of Sept. I next attended the session of the Goshen Association, convened at Beaver Dam, Duplin co. There is a number of choice brethren connected with this Association. They have had to contend with very formidable opposition, but the force of opposition seems to be somewhat broken, and the probability is that, before many years this Association will be decidedly Missionary in its character. I next attended the meeting of the Cape Fear Association. Peace, harmony, and good feeling prevailed throughout. Opposition in this body is fast yielding to the light and force of truth. Decisive measures were unanimously adopted relative to the Bible cause. I next attended a camp-meeting at Mount Pisgah, Chatham co., and truly we had a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. As the results of the meeting, I understand thirteen were baptized. I then proceeded to attend the session of the Tar River Association, convened at Shiloh, Franklin co. I was cordially received. Resolutions of a decided character were adopted in favour of the Institutions of the day. From this I passed on to Chatham, and attended the camp-meeting at May's Chapel. and so on to this place. I have been in the service of the Convention 350 days and have received from various sources, as will be seen by an account accompanying this report $227, 27. It is a painful fact that almost general apathy prevails among the churches where I have traveled relative to the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The church has evidently drank deep into a worldly spirit; and many who, a few years ago seemed to run well, now appear to be bending all their energies to amass a fortune. It is evident that christians do not realize their obligation; hence there is but little spontaneous action.—I have endeavored, according to the best of my ability, to clear up this point, and to bring christians to realize the truth that they are not their own. The standard of holiness must be greatly elevated above what it is, be-

fore the wicked will be led by the light of the church to glorify God, and the world be converted. It is further evident that there is a want of spirituality on the part of Ministers. Is it not a fact, that we are not as devoted to the duties of the ministry as we should be? It is to be feared that many rarely ever press, as closely as they should, the claims of a dying world, a world perishing for lack of knowledge. It is also a fact that scarcely a minister in the part of the State over which I have traveled, receives any thing like an adequate support: and it will be so until the church is trained to know that it is more blessed to give than to receive. There can be but little doubt but that the Sabbath School and Temperance cause is on the retrograde: many who once put their hands to the plow have looked back.

Undoubtedly we ought to thank God and to rejoice that the prospect is not worse that it is; that through the mercy of God we are permitted to hope for better times. And yet the present crisis undoubtedly calls for deep humiliation and sorrow of heart before God. It becomes the church to rend their hearts and not their garments, and to repent of their back-sliding, and to return unto the Lord, and renew their covenant obligations, and devote themselves with renewed energy to the service of their Master.

In conclusion, I would remark that I hope this Convention will fix upon some plan of operation relative to the Agency, that shall be uniform and better calculated to secure the permanent co-operation of the churches in the great objects before them. Permit me through you, my dear brother, to present my grateful acknowledgments to the Convention for the honor and privilege of serving them as their Agent. And may the great Head of the church guide by his unerring council the Convention to the adoption of such means and measures as He shall be pleased to bless to the promotion of his own glory and the advancement of his Kingdom on earth.

Yours in the Gospel,
FRANCIS HAWLEY, Agent.

Nov. 11th, 1836.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully present the following report:—

That, since the organization of the General Convention, they have been gradually extending their opperations, and multiplying their missions as fast as their means would admit. They have now stations and missionaries in various foreign lands, and among the aborigines of our own country. The most important and interesting of these stations are, perhaps, those in Eastern Asia. And it should be distinctly remembered, as a subject of devout gratitude to God, that our Foreign Mission opperations throughout the world, are, at present, in a very prosperous condition. Indeed they have ever since their commencement, constantly experienced the favour and rich blessing of Heaven. They have succeeded even beyond the most sanguine expectations of their warmest friends. But while we should be truly grateful to God for his blessing thus bestowed upon our labours, we should remember that our work is but just commenced. Much yet remains to be done. Much land, yet

remains to be possessed. A very large portion of the world yet remains in heathenish darkness. A vast majority of our race are yet perishing for lack of knowledge. Every means should, therefore, be put in requisition, to awaken the interest of the community throughout our land, on this subject; and to bring them up to this great work. What we have done only shows us what, through the blessing of God, we can do.—And greater exertions must yet be put forth, before the world can be converted to God. To make those exertions, our past successes ought both to encourage and stimulate us. Our prayers must be more fervent, and our contributions more liberal. Widely extended fields are opening before us on every hand, and are white already to the harvest, which will afford us ample scope for all our energies. With this view of the subject, your committee would take the liberty to recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the people of God are under obligations to pray more fervently and constantly for the success of our Foreign Missions, and for the triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Resolved, That for this purpose, the monthly concert for prayer ought to be regularly observed by every church in our State.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. A. WILCOX, Ch.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of education beg leave to report;—That, in the estimation of your committee, the most of the difficulties which have arrested the progress of truth, union, and respectability among our churches, may be traced to the want of intelligence among the ministers of the sanctuary. It cannot be expected that a pastor of a church can meet all the demands of his important station without the aids of education. Your committee would name the fact that our late esteemed brother John Blount, of Edenton N. C., has bequeathed to the Trustees of Wake Forest Institute all his fortune, which amounts to ten or eleven thousand dollars. These funds will not be available before the death of sister Blount, and then the interest is to be applied to the education of young men called of God to the ministry. In view of this bequest, your committee would recommend that the Convention should raise a committee to consult with the Board of Trustees of the Institute, and devise measures to add 6 or 7 thousand dollars to the bequest and establish a professorship of Sacred Literature, to be called the *Blount Professorship*. Your committee would urge the necessity of adopting immediately energetic measures to give the young brethren of our State the advantages of theological studies. This, in the opinion of your committee, can be done in no other way than by the establishment of the above named professorship.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Ch.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals report,—That so much has been said relative to the importance of religious Periodicals, and happily that importance has been experienced among us to such an extent, as to supersede the necessity of much argument in their favour. While, however, we believe that the importance of this matter is pretty generally acknowledged among us, it may still be doubted whether it is sufficiently understood—whether the advantages we enjoy in the existence of the periodical publications among us, and especially of our own, together with the disadvantages which would be incurred by the privation of them, are estimated at their just value. Indeed we know, that, in relation to every blessing of life, while in the full and prosperous possession of it, it is most difficult fully to feel and rightly to appreciate its value. Unhappily for man, his privations too generally have to teach him the value of his departed blessings.

Your committee think that it is a cause of just congratulation, that our denomination enjoys the honour of having originated the first religious periodical in the State; and the possession of such a paper, conducted as it is, with acknowledged ability, constitutes a feature in the present aspect of our affairs, on which we can but look with peculiar satisfaction. It is a source of instruction and pleasure to ourselves; of respect and gratitude from our friends; and, if we have them, of dread to our enemies. Who among us but must feel that the influence of this paper and its kindred alliances, have awoke us into a new kind of being; that, under this influence, our scattered resources have been organized and made efficient; our denomination has been made to feel its strength; and our brethren have become increasingly endeared to one another by the acquaintance and union which have been its result.—Who among us, while he looks around upon the faces of his brethren, whom he is again permitted to meet in Convention—while he feels the sympathetic throb of united hearts—and while he reflects upon the blessed "unity of the spirit" which he has experienced during this interview, but must look up with adoring gratitude to God for the intervention of those influences which have resulted in so happy an issue. To the full, vigorous, and healthy sustentation of these interests, your Committee feel the importance of our Periodical. You may suppose, therefore, that it was not without feelings of painful interest, that we have learned that the very existence of our paper was in jeopardy; that the patronage it received was not at all commensurate with its necessities; and that in fact, but for certain facilities for publication which the Editor enjoys, even the expenses of its publication could not be met. Your Committee feel that we are reduced to the alternative of deciding upon more efficient measures for the support of our paper, or of consenting to lose it. And can there be any hesitation upon this subject? When we think of this destinctive feature in the present aspect of our denomination in this State—of the important, we might perhaps say, *vital* relation of the Periodical to all the interests of our Convention—to the weekly instruction and refreshment it brings us—to the valuable moral and re-

ligious influence it is diffusing—your Committee put it to the Convention and to the Baptists of N. C., and repeat—Can there be any hesitation on this subject? Your Committee believe that the sentiment should be deeply fixed in all our hearts, "The Recorder must be sustained." We must not, and with God's help, we *will not* suffer it to fall. The anxious enquiry, then, of all is probably directed to the point, "What can be done?" Your Committee believe that much may be done which has as yet not been done.

The measures which your Committee would respectfully submit relate, 1. To individual responsibility: 2. To an appointment of an agency especially for the paper—to be sustained by the pledge of its friends: 3. To a pledge of the same kind to the Editor of the paper, for the ensuing year. Your Committee would not be understood as uttering the language of reproof, but of counsel, and of hope, when they ask of brethren, whether more, much more, may not be done by individual exertion than has yet been done? Have we gone into this work realizing its importance? Have we put forth the energy consequent upon a conviction that a vital interest is at stake? If not, we would say, let us try again; and let us try with a still greater energy. Your Committee, however, believe the appointment of an active, energetic Agent—to be sustained by our pledge—not confining himself to this State, but occupying whatever field may invite his labours, to be of essential importance in this matter.

A similar pledge we would recommend to the Editor of the "Recorder." We think it is due to him and to ourselves; and we believe that, if we engage in proper efforts to sustain our paper, such a pledge will be discharging an act of justice at a cheap rate. Your Cammittee feel that they cannot command language to give full utterance to their sense of the importance of this matter. They cannot contemplate, but with the most painful apprehension—the extinction of interests so dear and so valuable. They recoil with dread from the thought of the remotest liability of a relapse, from our present promising condition, into our former supineness and deathlike apathy. God in mercy forbid so disastrous an event. Your committee hope that the importance of the occasion will be realized; and that the friends of the Convention and of the Recorder, will enter upon this work with a spirit of invincible determination. If, as Bacon affirms, in relation to human learning, "Knowledge is power," a more illustrious than Bacon has declared of the knowledge of God, and of his blessed Son, that it is *eternal life.* Indulging the hope that the deliberations of the Convention will result in imparting permanent establishment and security to our Periodical—your Committee submit their report.

J. J. FINCH, Ch.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools would report, that they have attended to this service as far as their limited means would admit. Our remarks will be confined principally to this institution as it exists in N. Carolina. This State has enjoyed the blessings of Sabbath Schools, to some extent, for some thirty years. Schools have been formed and sustained by some of the churches of different denominations during this period: in other cases by benevolent individuals. The happy results of these schools were witnessed wherever they had been organized. However these schools were "few and far between;" the state generally did not enjoy them. In 1833 the Am. S. S. Union, at the earnest request of some of the most distinguished men in the south, resolved to establish, and for five years sustain, S. Schools throughout the southern States. For most of the time since that period, that society has had from one to three missionaries and agents in the State, whose business has been to preach the gospel, form, visit, and encourage Sabbath Schools. Depositories of Sabbath School books are now established in all the large towns in the state. It is the firm conviction of your committee, that a well selected library is very important if not essential to every school.—This will have a powerful influence in securing the attendance of the scholars.

Thirty three counties, principally in the western part of the state, have been filled up with schools according to the forementioned resolution. These schools are under no foreign control: each one manages its own affairs in its own way. Owing to the delinquency of the schools in neglecting to report to the societies to which they belong (a circumstance much to be lamented) it is impossible for us to state precisely the number of schools or scholars in the state; but we deem it safe to estimate the number of schools at 250, and scholars at 12,000.

It is impossible to enumerate the happy results and numerous advantages of this institution. How often has it changed the moral aspect of a whole neighborhood. How often has the wayward youth been allured by it, from the path of vice and sin to that of morality and virtue.—How frequently has it been the means, in the hand of God, of the salvation of souls. In many destitute parts of our country, where the schools are carried on in a *religious* manner, as all should be, they are a substitute for the preaching of the gospel. They collect the children and youth, and in many instances adults, who would perhaps, if not employed in this way, be violating God's law in a variety of ways. And here the great and essential principles of the gospel are impressed upon the mind. Children do not take great interest in the ordinary preaching of the gospel. And why is it so? It is because they appear to think that the minister is preaching to the older people. But when the teacher addresses a child personally and separately, he feels that the teacher is talking to *him*. In short, the Sabbath School, in many places, is almost the only means used for the literary, moral, and religious instruction of the children. Eternity alone can disclose the glorious results of this institution. It is true that this cause has, like every other one of

a kindred character, its opposition. There are many difficulties in the way. Your committee, however, believe that there is more to be feared from the apathy of the professed friends of this cause than from the opposition of its enemies.

Your committee recommend the following resolutions to be adopted by the Convention:—

Resolved, that this Convention view the institution of Sunday Schools among the greatest of means, under God, of promoting the kingdom of Christ.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that this convention recommend to the ministers and churches of our denomination throughout the State, to take suitable measures, as quick as practicable, to establish and sustain one or more Sabbath Schools within the bounds of each congregation.

Resolved, that all the ministers belonging to this body be requested to lay before their different congregations as soon as practicable, the importance and utility of this institution.

Resolved, that we conceive that the great object of S. School instruction is not barely to impart literary instruction, but to be instrumental in the conversion of the soul to God.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. BALLARD, Cm.

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REPORT ON W. F. INSTITUTE.

Your Committee on Wake Forest Institute respectfully report:—That under the smiles of an auspicious providence, this Institution, the beloved object of our watchcare, still continues to flourish. There are at present about one hundred students, four of whom are beneficiaries, whose orderly deportment and proficiency in their studies, fully attest the ability and diligence of the faculty.

The Institute now furnishes ample means for acquiring, at comparatively little cost, a liberal education. The Trustees, however, we are informed, whilst they design to move forward to the accomplishment of the object with caution, intend to render it still more worthy of the liberal support it has received, and they hope will continue to receive, by increasing, as circumstances will admit and may require, the number of its faculty. In the prosecution of this design, we would earnestly encourage and recommend them to persevere.

There is one object, however, to which we fear sufficient attention has not been paid; the provision of a library for the Institute.

A good library, your committee deems indispensably necessary to a seminary that aspires to high character. It is needful both to the professor and to the student, and attaches an importance to it, in the estimation of the community. We would, therefore, suggest the propriety of devising some plan for the attainment of this object.

Your committee cannot express the emotions of gratitude to God, and the joy, with which the fact that another revival has occurred among the students at the Institute, fills their bosoms. Three revivals in three suc-

cessive years! Is not this an unparalleled occurrence? Surely God takes delight in this Institution. He has stamped it with the seal of his approbation—shall it not then continue to prosper? We believe it will. Christians will feel anxious to enjoy the high privilege of aiding so favoured an instrumentality; and whilst their contributions will be liberal, their prayers will still ascend to God for his blessings upon it. Your Committee beg leave, in conclusion, to recommend the Institute to the kind regard and liberal support of the Convention and its friends.

All which they submit &c.

J. B. OUTLAW, Ch.

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REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report the following:—

The Home Mission department constitutes one of the most important branches of operation in which the Convention is engagod. It is that on the success of which depends, to a great extent, the success of all the others. It is to this that we must look for the cultivation of the soil from which alone our resources can be obtaind. It is this, therefore, to which the attention of the Convention should be directed as a matter of radical interest.

Although several of our Missionaries have been constantly in the field, and have doubtless labored faithfully, and in some measure successfully, yet comparatively but little has been effected. Under such circumstances it is deemed a matter of primary importance, that measures should be immediately taken, *to increase the number and efficiency of our Missionaries.* All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, Ch.

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REPORT ON AMERICAN HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on A. B. Home Missions respectfully submit the following report:—

They deem this subject one of vital importance to the cause of God and human happiness; and one which demands the serious consideration, and deserves the deepest interest of every patriot, philanthropist, and christian, throughout our land. It cannot be denied that much ignorance prevails; and that many errors have been introduced, and are rapidly gaining ground in many parts of our country. If suffered to advance without any obstacles to hinder their progress, this ignorance and these errors will inevitably bring upon us, as a people, many distressing evils. And the dangers arising from these sources are every day increasing. Over them the christian publick has too long slumbered.—And in regard to them too great apathy is still manifested. The publick must be aroused to a sense of these dangers, which can be averted only

by a general diffusion of knowledge, and instilling correct moral and religious principles into the minds, and bringing them to bear upon the lives of the people. And we rejoice to learn that this work has been commenced by our fellow citizens and fellow christians in other States, through the medium of the A. B. H. M. Society. We should feel it not only a duty, but a privilege to co-operate with our brethren and friends in this glorious work. And we doubt not but the same will be the feelings of the brethren throughout our State.

Your Committee are of opinion that important advantages would result, both to the cause of Domestic Missions in this State, and to the general cause of Home Missions, from entering into that relationship with the A. B. H. M. Society, which would be secured by becoming Auxiliary to that body. This we are respectfully invited to do by the parent Society, on those equitable principles laid down in their Constitution, and more fully explained in the stipulations between that Society and its Auxiliaries, to be found in its last annual report. And in this almost all the other State Conventions in our country, have set us an example.—And since our object as a Domestic Mission Society, and that of the A. B. H. M. Society are so nearly allied, we think there can be no impropriety in this Convention's pursuing the same course.

H. A. WILCOX, Ch.

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REPORT ON TRACTS.

The Committee on Tracts report:—That they have no valuable information on this subject. They have reason to believe that little, too little, has been done, in this important branch of christian enterprize.

They believe that much valuable information might be imparted, and much good done, by a judicious selection and distribution of Tracts.—They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to procure a supply of appropriate Tracts, to be destributed by our Agents and Missionaries, and that the Missionaries be instructed to organize Tract Societies wherever it may be practicable.

JOHN KERR, Ch.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee to whom was committed the subject of Temperance report:—That they have had the subject under consideration, and are pleased to learn that the American Temperance Society, since its establishment in 1827, has exerted a happy and salutary influence on the different classes of society, and produced a reformation in many parts of our State. Your Committee have had time to do little more than give a brief sketch of the progress of this Society and of its present state:—it now reports eight thousand Auxiliary Societies; twenty-three State So-

cieties; one million five hundred members; and twelve thousand drunkards reclaimed. Your Committee conceive this to be one among the most important of the benevolent enterprises of the day, for promoting the glory of the Creator, and the prosperity and happiness of man; and recommend that every member of the Convention and of the denomination, exert his influence to form Temperance Societies, and extend the temperance reformation far and wide. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. CULPEPER, Ch.

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REPORT ON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Female Seminary beg leave to report:—

That they have had the matter under consideration, and have come to the conclusion, that it is not expedient, at present, to establish such seminary—such are the claims and wants of the Institute now under the care of the Convention, that it appears to your Committee, it would too much divide the attention and resources of our friends and patrons, to create a new Institution at this time. Unless such an Institution were to be aided by our funds, it could not be of such merits as to offer advantages much beyond those already in existence; and those funds, at present, are demanded for the existing wants and obligations of the Convention.

At the same time your Committee deem it proper and seasonable to express their views of the great importance of Female Education, as well on account of the direct improvement of one half of our species, as on account of the indirect influence which well-educated women exert on the welfare of the whole community. They, therefore, would urge upon the Baptist public generally, to avail themselves, so far as their circumstances will allow, of the facilities now in existence, for cultivating the minds of their daughters, in order to raise up a generation of women, who shall employ all that influence and control which are conceded to them in every civilized and christian country, on the side of liberal sentiments, and to sway the minds of men in behalf of virtue and religion.

WM. HOOPER, Ch.

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REPORT ON DELEGATION.

The Committee to whom was referred, for consideration, the subject of sending a delegation to the Convention of Baptists to meet in Philadelphia for the purpose of organizing a Bible Society, for the Baptist denomination of this country, together with the most eligible means of effecting the same, after having given to the subject the best consideration of which, under existing circumstances, they were capable, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee scarcely feel it necessary to say, that they most cordially approve of the contemplated Convention. On this subject they are confident that there will be but one opinion. We regard the present as an eventful crisis in the history of our denomination in this country; nor do we feel that it will be saying too much to add an expression of our opinion, that the event which has originated the Philadelphia Convention creates a crisis of deep and peculiar interest, not only in relation to the Baptist denomination, but in relation also to the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth. We are seriously of the impression, that it will be found in the end, through the wonder-working and adorable providence of God, to have been allied to results of the most important character to the interests of true religion. Under this impression your Committee—whatever degree of blame they may suppose to be involved in this matter, or however they may lament a new and deep occasion, in addition to the multiplyed ones already existing, of seperation and alienation among the blood-bought people of God—can but solace their hearts in the contemplation of that holy and mysterious sovereignty, by which the errors and sins of men are overruled into a happy subordination to God's purpose of glory to himself, and of mercy to guilty man. In the recent proceedings of the American Bible Society, your Committee believe that God has thrown upon the Baptist denomination in an especial manner, a work of peculiar importance and responsibility. We think that, in this Providence we can hear a voice, loud and strong, which is intended to awaken us from our slumbers, which calls upon the people, who alone of all the world have stood as witnesses for God, in relation to an important and deeply interesting portion of his truth, to maintain that truth fearlessly and faithfully before the world. With this view of the subject, your committee believe that our denomination would be recreant to themselves, and unfaithful to the high interests which God has thus confided to their hands, did they not obey that voice, and gird themselves for the work to which it summons them. Your Committee therefore believe that the whole denomination should hastily and rigorously co-operate in securing the important object proposed by the contemplated Convention. We consequently recommend that the Baptists in our own State shall be represented in the Philadelphia Convention.

Your committee beg leave, in conclusion, to remark, that they think that the present crisis should be felt to be one of holy, prayerful solicitude, as well as one of prompt and energetic action. The nature of it too is such as to expose us to peculiar temptation. We should guard against an acrimoneous, vituperative spirit. It would be unsuitable to our profession, and equally so to the occasion. Let us commit our cause to God and do our duty. If our brethren have injured us—let us love them still as brethren; hoping that this matter may yet turn out for our good and theirs; and so shall we meet this event with that spirit which God will approve, which will be likely to secure the best results, and which will bring into our bosoms its own reward. We conclude by recommending to the Convention the following resolution—submitting the matter of the report, so far as not embraced in the resolution, to other

action of the Convention, and remarking that we shall feel no uneasiness in having this report freely discussed, and finally rejected.

Resolved, that we approve of the Convention of Baptists of the United States, to be held in Philadelphia, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Bible Society.

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REPORT ON THE AGENCY.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of the Agency report:—

That, in the opinion of your committee, the history of the Baptist Convention of N. Carolina most manifestly shows, that its success is to be resolved into the efforts of the agents under the blessing of God.

The difficulties which met the Convention at its commencement, have not yet been all removed; the same arguments, therefore, that urged the appointment of an agent, at an early period of the existence of the body, may now, with equal force, be adduced in favor of a reappointment.

Much ignorance in relation to the measures and much listlessness in relation to the efforts of the Convention, must be removed. It is true much has been effected in correcting errors and in promoting the interests of truth; but much still remains to be done. Your committee indeed believe that the interests of the Convention depend largely upon the exertions of the agency, and therefore most earnestly recommend that it be continued.

Your Committee, however, with great reluctance feel bound to recommend that for the present, the appointment of an agent be suspended, and that the Board be directed to search out and employ one suitable Agent, as soon as such shall be obtained.

All of which we submit, &c.

CHAS. W. SKINNER, Ch.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Societies.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
Wake,	Wake Forest Institute,	20 50	20 50	20 50	61 50
	Rolesville,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Wake Union,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Wake Liberty,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	Cross Roads,	8 00	6 00	6 00	20 00
Cumberl'd,	Cape Fear Association,	38 00	37 26		75 26
	Union F. M. Society,	5 00	15 28		20 28
	Sandy Creek Association,				
Orange,	Wm. H. Merritt,		*100 00		100 00
	Mount Zion,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Chatham,	Fall Creek,	5 00			5 00
	Bear Creek,	2 50	2 50		5 00
Moore,	Bethlehem,	2 06	2 06	2 08	6 20
Chatham,	Mineral Spring,	1 36	1 36	1 38	4 10
Orange,	W. H. Merritt,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	M. A. Phillip, S. Dorsett, J. Williams, A. Hedding, T. Weaver, J. H. Freeman,	1 50	1 50	1 50	4 50
	Crane Creek,	2 20	2 20	2 20	6 60
Chatham,	May's Chapel F. M. Soc'ty,	10 08	10 08	10 09	30 25
	Rock Spring,	1 33	1 33	1 34	4 00
	G. W. Thompson,	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00
Richmond,	Carthledge's Creek,	18 50	25 60	1 00	45 10
	Saron,	4 25	4 25	4 25	12 75
Person,	Olive Branch,	3 00	17 62		20 62
Granville,	Hester's,	2 00			2 00
	Brassfield's,	2 25	7 50	3 50	13 25
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	7 25	2 00	2 00	11 25
	A. Carson,		55		55
Montg'y,	Bethlehem,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10 00
	J. Kendall,	33	33	34	1 00
Rowan,	Eaton's,	10 00	3 00		13 00
	Fork M. House,	3 75	6 50		10 25
Davidson,	Jersey M. House,	6 06	6 06	6 08	18 20
Chowan,	Edenton,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Perquim's,	Bethel,	10 00			10 00
Granville,	Tabb's Creek,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Anson,	Rocky River,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	J. Griffin,	33	33	34	1 00
Ashe,	R. Jacks,	5 50	10 00		15 50
Franklin,	Maple Springs,	3 25	5 25	1 50	10 00
Nash,	H. Hadley,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	H. Moses,	50			50
	Mrs. Parker,	2 00			2 00
Nashville,	A. J. Battle,	3 00	5 00	2 00	10 00
	Beulah Association,	10 59	10 60		21 19

*This amount was designated for the Burman Translation.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Orange,	Wm. Hooper,		5 00	5 00	10 00
Granville,	Grassy Creek,		10 00		*10 00
	Island Creek,		19 25		19 25
Anson,	S. Hasty,	1 00	1 00		2 00
Meck'bg,	Jas. Boyd,		1 00		1 00
	W. Jones,		50		50
	W. Hollaway,		50		50
	W. Ramsay,	50			50
	G. Bradley,	25			25
Iredell,	New Hope,	23 00	3 00	4 00	30 00
Stokes,	J. B. Thomas,	66	66	68	2 00
Meck'bg,	Charlotte Dom. & F.M. So.	10 00	10 00		20 00
Rocking'm	R. W. Lawson,	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
	Mills Piland,	3 66	3 67	3 67	11 00
	Sandy Run,	4 66	4 67	4 67	14 00
Carteret,	R. Davis,	5 00	50	50	6 00
Wake,	J. Holman,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Duplin,	B. Oliver,	66	66	68	2 00
	Mrs. Oliver,	50	50		1 00
	B. Carrell,		37		37
Sampson,	W. H. Whitfield,	50	50	50	1 50
N.Hanov'r.	J. Williams,	33	33	34	1 00
Wake,	H. Clifton,	33	33	34	1 00
N.Hanov'r.	M. Keith,	25	25		50
	M. J. Buxton,	37	38		75
	Miss Dorson,	25	25		50
Sampson,	B. Dorson,		25		25
	Donors names lost,	1 00	3 00	89	4 89
Caswell,	Fem. Friend in Yancyville,		1 00		1 00
		298 52	422 74	127 35	847 62
	F. Hawley's Collection,	101 43	102 18	23 66	227 27
	Sabbath Collection,	22 88	22 88	22 88	68 63
		422 83	547 80	173 89	1144 52

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, Ch.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

1836.	The Treasurer, Dr.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
To balance rec'd of former Treasurer,		247 68	7 84	106 13	361 65
" Cash sent to meeting of A. D. 1835,		407 25	560 00	187 08	1154 33
" "	from Mt. Olive Church,		22 00		22 00
" " "	D. Moore donation,	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
" " "	Spring Hill Church,		38 00		38 00
" " "	Island Creek "	3 75	6 00	3 95	13 70
" " "	Connicanary "	9 00	4 00	10 00	23 00
" " "	Ahoskey "	5 70	2 25	2 23	10 18
" " "	Nashville "	4 00	4 00		8 00
" " "	Tarborough "	12 00	12 00	12 00	36 00
" "	From the West "	8 34	8 33	8 33	25 00
" " "	" "	10 00	10 75	10 00	30 75
		$708 72	676 17	340 72	1725 61
	Contra.				
By cash p'd. T. Meredith for printing,		18 34	18 33	18 33	55 00
" " "	Mills Piland, Missionary,	50 00			50 00
" " "	Paul Phifer, "	35 34			35 34
" " "	Malthus Freeman, "	50 00			50 00
" " "	Wm. J. Finlay, "	25 00			25 00
" " "	Wm. Richards, "	25 00			25 00
" " "	James Thomas, Agent,	56 50	53 50	26 50	136 50
" " "	J. Culpeper, Sen. "	60 00	56 00	30 25	146 25
" " "	Wm. J. Finlay, "	40 00	36 00	19 25	95 25
" " "	Wm. Jones, Beneficiary,			55 00	55 00
" " "	E. F. Johnson, "			70 00	70 00
" " "	Thos. McDaniel, "			30 00	30 00
" " "	H. Lincoln, Treas. U.S.F.M.		301 50		301 50
" " "	Postage on Letters,		35		35
		$360 18	465 68	249 33	1075 19
Balance now on hand in Cash,		348 54	210 49	91 39	650 42

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW,
Acting Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

1836.	A. J. Battle, Treas'r. Dr.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
Nov. 15,	To Cash rec'd of J.B. Outlaw, Acting Treasurer,	348 54	210 49	91 39	659 42
" " "	of Financial Committee at this meeting,	422 83	547 80	173 89	1144 52
		$771 37	758 29	265 28	1794 94
	Contra.				
	By Cash pd. T. Meredith for printing.	20 00	20 00	20 00	60 00
	" " " M. D. Freeman for 10 1-2 months' service as Missionary,	157 50			157 50
	By cash pd. G. Douglas for 5 2-3 months' service as Missionary,	113 33			113 33
	By cash pd. Wm. J. Finlay for 7 1-2 months' service as Missionary,	150 00			150 00
	By cash pd. Mills Piland for 3 months' service as Missionary,	75 00			75 00
	By cash pd. J. Culpeper, Sen. for 12 1-2 months' service as Agent,	120 75	118 25	42 25	281 25
	By cash pd. Francis Hawley for 11 2-3 months' service as Agent,	113 75	109 75	39 00	262 50
	By cash pd. for Wm. Jones, E. F. Johnson, & T. McDaniel in part for Board & Tuition as Beneficiaries,			164 03	164 03
		$750 33	248 00	265 28	1263 61
	Balance on hand Nov. 15, 1836,	$21 04	510 29		531 33

A. J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

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Report of the Committee appointed to settle with Charles McAllister former Treasurer.

Charles McAllister, Dr.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total
To balance on hand Nov. 7, 1834,	290 62	309 34	186 13	786 10
To amount charged to Wm. Kimsey, but not paid,	36 23			36 23
	326 85	309 34	186 13	822 33
Contra.				
By mistake by E. Davis in his account,	2 51			2 51
By Cash pd. T. Crocker, Missionary,	26 66			26 66
By " " Heman Lincoln, Treas. F. M. Society,		300 00		300 00
By " " Premium on draft,		1 50		1 50
By cash pd. for E. F. Johnson & W. Jones, Beneficia.			80 00	80 00
	79 17	301 50	80 00	410 67
Balance on hand including a counterfeit S. Carolina bill—burnt,	247 68	7 81	106 13	411 66
				50 00
				$361 66

Which sum is now in the hands of your present Treasurer.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, Cashier.

Amount of money received for the Convention by F. Hawley, Agent.

Counties.	Sucribers Names.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.
Bertie,	Isaac Freeman,	1 00		
	Wm. Eldridge,		50	
	Jon Downing,		50	
	James Ward,		1 00	
	Sol. White,		25	
	B. F. Williford,		25	
	Jas. White,		50	
	Francis Evins,		25	
	Republican Church,	2 00	2 00	
Camden,	Noah Hughs,	1 00		
	Peter Baum,	1 00		
	Wm. Gregory,	50		
Columbus,	Prong Hill,	13 00		
Currituck,	Powell's Point.	1 75		
Chatham,	Richard Dowd,	2 00	3 00	
	Mrs. Dowd,	50		
	Alex. Dowd,	50		
	P. P. Smith,	2 00	2 00	1 00
	Silas Clark,		25	
	Ann Degraffenreed,	1 00	1 00	
Duplin,	Margaret Garrison,	3 75		
	John Green,	1 00		
	Benjamin Oliver,	2 00	1 00	
	John Carr,		50	
	Isaac Kornegay,		50	
	Sarah Oliver,	50	2 00	
Franklin,	Green Ross,	25	25	
	Ann Dunn,	2 50	2 50	
	Mary Bryant,	25		
	Rebeckah Williams,	25		
	Frances Williams,	25		
	Lusan Soss,		25	
	Nancy Jenkins,	25		
	A. C. Perry,		5 00	
	Elizabeth C. Perry,		5 00	
	A. Evins,	12		
	Ladies of Shiloh Congregetion,		11 62	
	Sundry Gentlemen,		5 13	
Gates,	Elizabeth Leigh,	50		
	Margaret Hoskins,	25		
	Leml. G. Darden,	1 00	2 00	
	Mills Eure,	1 00		
	John Brinkley,	25		
	Jno. Vann,	50		
	Elisha Williams,		25	
	Wm. H. Savage,	50		

F. Hawley's Report—Continued.

	Mills Sparkman,	50		
	C. Parker,		12	
Hertford,	Jas. Pruden,		1 00	
	Alfred Darden,	50		
	Mrs. Darden,	50		
Northamt'n,	John Peele,		3 00	
Perquimans	John Gatling,	1 00		
	Mary M. Wood,	3 00		
	Job Riddick,	50		
Pasquotank,	Pritchard Gordan,		50	
	Robt. Stacy,	50		
	C. Saltonstall,	1 00		
	G. W. Pendleton,		1 00	
	Edmond Perkins,	50		
	Salem,	1 50		
	Ramoth Gillead,	1 00	90	
Wake,	James Purify,	50	50	
	Holly Spring,	1 25	25	
	Bennett T. Blake,	2 00	2 00	1 00
Moore,	Mary Sowell,	50		
	Collection at meeting of the Chowan Association,	21 68	21 66	21 66
	Goshen Missionary Society,	23 63	23 75	
		$101 43	102 18	23 66

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BYE LAWS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. At each meeting of the Convention, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall take the Chair, and shall call the members to order; shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members. He shall open and close the Convention by prayer to God, or call on some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint Committees, with the sanction of the Convention. He may speak in debate upon important questions, but not until he has given other members a fair opportunity to give their views, and appointed some other member to fill the chair.

2. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

3. Invitations shall be extended to Ministering brethren present to a seat in the Convention.

4. The Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but not necessarily from among the members

5. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence the God whose they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave; nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

6. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention,

none shall walk out of, or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the chair.

7. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary before debated.

8. After a motion is stated by the President or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before a decision or amendment.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

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CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This Institution shall be called the Baptist State Convention of N. Carolina.

Art. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of the United States in the promotion of Missions in general.

Art. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distict from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

Art. 4. This Institution shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such Associations, Churches, and Societies, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

Art. 5. Every Association, Church, Society, or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. The officers of this convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who, with thirty others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a Quorum.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to correspond with Societies, or individuals, so far as the interests of the convention shall require; and the Recording Secretary shall preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of the receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

Art. 8. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such place as shall from time to time designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall

best tend to carry into effect the different objects of the convention, subject to the provisions of the constitution.

Art. 9. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably with the provisions of the constitution.

Art. 10. The convention shall hold its meetings annually, commencing on such day and at such place, as it shall from time to time direct.

Art. 11. The Convention shall require of its Board, a specific report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

Art. 12. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE SOCIETY.

November 15th, 1836.

A meeting was called at Graves' Meeting House, Caswell County, N. Carolina, for the purpose of forming a Bible Society, Auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society.

The Rev. T. Meredith was called to the Chair, and Rev. Wm. H. Jordan appointed Secretary.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That we now organize ourselves into a Bible Society.

The following Constitution was read, when it was moved that it be considered, article by article, after which it was adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This institution shall be denominated the *North Carolina Bible Society*, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American and Foreign Bible Society, in promoting a wider circulation of the Scriptures, in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

Art. 3. The members of this institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

Art. 4. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; to whom shall be added a Board of 18 Managers—all of whom shall be elected annually.

Art. 5. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers—five of whom

shall form a Quorum—to transact all business demanding attention during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

Art. 7. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same place, and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

Art. 8. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a vote of two-thirds, when ever expediency shall dictate.

It was agreed to ascertain who would become members of this Society by contributing to its funds, when the following persons enrolled their names, and paid the sums annexed thereto.

MEMBERS OF THE N. C. BIBLE SOCIETY.

Amos J. Battle,	5 00	Elizabeth Jordan,	1 00
Jno. Culpeper,	5 00	Prudence Dawson,	50
Jos. B. Outlaw,	5 00	W. Holder,	1 00
Alfred Dockery,	5 00	Mrs. Hollman,	1 00
W.H. Jordan,	3 00	Leml. Williams,	50
Alexis Howard,	1 00	Mary Graves,	1 00
Chas. W. Skinner,	5 00	John Armstrong,	5 00
Jeremiah Graves,	1 00	Thos. Meredith,	5 00
Delilah Graves,	1 00	Jas. McDaniel,	
Geo. Ryan,	1 00	Jno. Stamps,	
W. Slade,	1 00	Francis Hawley,	
Elisha Burns,	1 00	Wm. H. Merritt,	50
W. Russell,	5 00	Henry Spivey,	
Simeon White,	50	Joice Rice,	
Geo. Doughlas,	50	James Ferguson,	
Jno. E. Harvey,	5 00	Mary Graves,	5 00
Elijah Graves,	5 00	Mary Ann Graves,	1 00
Jno. Johnson,	1 00	M. D. Freeman,	4 00
Matthew Dawson,	1 00	Connally,	2 00
Francis Poindexter,	1 00		
			$80 50

On motion it was *Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of officers; whereupon T. Meredith was elected President; Wm. H. Jordan, 1st Vice President; J. B. Outlaw, 2d Vice President; John Armstrong, Cor. Secretary; Rev. A. J. Battle, Rec. Secretary; and Alfred Dockery, Treasurer.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to nominate a Board of Managers: A. J. Battle, A. Dockery, and J. J. Finch, the Committee.

The Committee to nominate a Board of Mangers reported—report received, and the following persons were appointed a Board of Managers: Wm. Hooper, W. H. Merritt, S. Wait, J. Culpeper, Sen., C. W. Skinner, J. McDaniel, F. Hawley, J. J. Finch, H. L. Graves, Geo. W. Thompson, Wm. Roles, G. Doughlas, H. S. Spivey, J. P. Cook, A. Howard, G. W. Purify, Wm. Holam, and Wm. M. Crenshaw.

On motion, appointed John Armstrong and W. H. Jordan, a Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported that $100 had been contributed at this meeting.

On motion, appointed T. Meredith, Wm. Hooper, J. Armstrong, Jas. McDaniel, S. Wait, F. Hawley, and A. J. Battle, Delegates to represent this body in the contemplated Convention, to be held in Philadelphia, on the last Wednesday in April, 1837.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Minutes be appended to the Minutes of the Baptist State Convention of N.C., if it meet the approbation of that body, and the expenses of the same be defrayed by this Society.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. H. Jordan.

T. MEREDITH, Chairman.
A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec'y.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

BROWN'S M. H., SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

November 3-7, 1838.

RALEIGH,

PRINTED AT THE RECORDER OFFICE.

1839.

MINUTES.

The introductory sermon was delivered by James S. Mims, from Matthew 9. 9. "Follow me."

After the lapse of a few minutes, the Convention was called to order by T. Meredith, first Vice President, A. Dockery, the President, having not yet arrived, and the session was opened with prayer by S. Wait.

Appointed D. S. Williams and G. W. Thompson a committee to select preachers for the stage during the session of the Convention.

Appointed C. McAllister, S. Mims, and R. T. Saunders a committee of Finance.

Communications and contributions were received from the different churches, societies, &c. [see page 8.]

Proceeded to the election of officers,—result as follows:

ALFRED DOCKERY, President.

THOMAS MEREDITH,
JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, } Vice Presidents.
SAMUEL WAIT,

WILLIAM H. JORDAN, Cor. Secretary.
JAMES McDANIEL, Rec. Secretary.
AMOS J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

Invited Corresponding and Visiting brethren to a seat—J. W. D. Creath from the General Association of Virginia, and E. Davis accepted the invitation.

Appointed the following committees—On Foreign Missions, T. Meredith, C. McAllister and J. W. Hackney; On Home Missions, S. Wait, D. Justice, and R. Jacks; on Periodicals, S. E. Gardiner, J. S. Mims, and G. Fennel; on Agency, A. J. Battle, R. T. Saunders, and D. Thames; on Tracts, A. P. Repiton, A. B. Stephens, and R. McNabb; on nomination of Missionaries and field of labor, T. Meredith, J. Fooshee, and C. W. Skinner; on Temperance, R. McNabb, N. Bryan, and C. Carroll; on the nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest Institute, J. J. Finch, A. J. Battle, and S. Mims; on Sabbath Schools, M. D. Freeman, G. W. Thompson and C. Fooshee; on Wake Forest Institute, J. J.

Finch, A. J. Battle, and S. Mims; on Treasurer's account, Z. Slade, W. Potter, and S. E. Gardiner; on nomination of Board of Managers, W. J. Finley, J. Fooshee, and C. McAllister.

Resolved, That the Committee give place to the Bible Society to hold a session to-morrow, commencing at half past one o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. J. Finch.

Saturday Morning, 9 *o'clock.*

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by W. Potter. Appointed the next sesssion of this Convention to be at Grassy Creek, Granville county, on Friday before the first Lord's day in Nov. 1839. J. McDaniel to preach the Introductory sermon. J. J. Finch to preach the sermon in behalf of the Convention on Sabbath at next session.

Appointed the Rec. Secretary to address a letter for this Convention to the Hepzibah church in Wake County, informing them of the pleasure with which the Convention received their invitation for the next session, and of the reasons why it was given to Grassey Creek; and informing them also,that should they see fit to renew the invitation at the next Convention, they will succeed in obtaining the following session.

Report of the Board was called for, presented, read, accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed to have the report of the Board read to-morrow at the stage, prior to taking up a collection.

Suspended business to hear the sermon to be delivered before the Convention by W. H. Jordan. Prayer by W. J. Finley.

The sermon was founded on Ephes. 3. 8. "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Half-past 2 o'clock.

Met immediately at the close of the session of the Bible Society.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to E. Phillips $60; to G. Douglas, $185; to R. Jacks, $270; to R. McNabb, $350, for services rendered as Missionaries of the Convention.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to T. Meredith $65 for printing Minutes of last year.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Creath.

Sabbath.

The first sermon was delivered by J. J. Finch, on 1. Cor. 9. 12. "If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather

Nevertheless, we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ."

The second sermon was delivered by S. Wait, on 2. Tim. 1. 7. "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." After which, the Report of the Board was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and a collection was taken up in aid of the objects of the Convention.

The third sermon was delivered by J. W. D. Creath, on Judges 3. 20. "And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee."

Monday Morning, 9 *o'clock.*

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Repiton.

Committee on the Board of Managers reported; report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Tracts reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Home Missions reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the nomination of Missionaries and the specification of their fields of labour, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Agreed to employ T. Mason for one year as missionary.

Agreed to employ R. Jacks for one year as missionary:

Agreed to employ G. Douglass for six months as missionary.

Agreed to employ R. McNabb for one year as missionary.

Appointed A. J. Battle, H. Austin, and P. P. Lawrence a committee to aid bro. Mason in the arrangement of his circuit.

Appointed G. Fennel, G. W. Hufham, and W. J. Finley a committee to aid bro. Jacks in the arrangement of his circuit.

Appointed C. Graves. T. Oldham, and A. Howard a committee to aid bro. McNabb in the arrangement of his circuit.

Appointed Wm. and J. Hanes a committee to aid bro. Douglass in the arrangement of his circuit.

Ordered that the Corresponding Secretary inform the above named Committees of their appointment.

Agreed that the Missionaries form auxiliary societies, and take up collections when, and where deemed expedient.

Committee on the nomination of persons out of whom vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Wake Forest Institute might be filled,

reported. Report accepted, and handed over to the Board of Trustees.

Committee on the Wake Forest Institute reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the expediency of establishing a Female Seminary of a high order in some central part of this State, reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Appointed delegates to the following bodies, viz: To the General Association of Virginia, Nathaniel J. Palmer, D. S. Williams, William Potter, William H. Jordan, and Amos J. Battle; to the South Carolina Convention, Josiah J. Finch, James S. Mims, and A. P. Repiton; to the Home Mission Society in New-York, Henry Austin, Thomas Meredith, and Amos J. Battle.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be required to address a Circular to the ministers individually in this State, who are supposed to be friendly to the objects of this Convention, respectfully, but earnestly soliciting them to use their influence before their churches and congregations in behalf of the objects of the Convention; and at least once during the year, (and as often as they may deem it expedient,) to preach a sermon especially setting forth these objects.

Appointed Meredith, Jordan, Wait, Battle, and J. B. Outlaw a committee on the further movements in relation to the Female Seminary.

Committee on Sabbath schools reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered that there be 1,500 copies of these Minutes printed by T. Meredith, and distributed as heretofore.

Resolved, that S. Wait be requested to act as Agent of one year for this Convention.

Resolved, (unanimously,) That the thanks of this body be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, and *especially* to bro. D. S. Williams for his very *peculiar* attention to the accommodation of the Convention during the present session.

Adjourned to half-past six, this evening.

Prayer by E. Davis.

Half-past six o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. McDaniel.

Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Treasurer reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, that the Treasurer forthwith transmit $300, with interest, to the Treasurer of the General Convention for Foreign Missions.

Adjourned to time and place above specified.

Valedictory address and prayer by S. Wait.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of managers held a session immediately on the adjournment of the Convention; at which time the following business was done.

Agreed to sustain brother Johnson, the beneficiary of this Convention, the ensuing year, at the Wake Forest Institute.

Agreed that the next meeting of the Board be at the Wake Forest Institute, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in July, 1839.

Adjourned to specified time and place.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Counties.	Churches and Societies.	Delegates.	P. Offices.
Wake,	Wake Forest,	S. Wait, T. Meredith, and G. Ryan,	Wake Forest
	Wake Liberty,	D. Justice,	Wake Forest
	Hepzibah,	S. Terrell	Eagle Rock.
	Rolesville,	J. Purify,	Rolesville.
Chatham,	Reaves' Chapel,		Emmerson's.
	Rock Spring,	G. W. Thompson,	Pittsboro.
	May's Chapel, Female Society	J. Fooshee, N. Bryan, S. Gilmore,* J. Gilmore,*	Pittsboro.
	Mineral Spring,	Chas. Fooshee,	
	Sandy Cr'k Ass'n.	M. D. Freeman, W. H. Merritt,* and A. Bynum,	Pittsboro.
	Mount Giliad,	J. W. Hackney,	Hackney's.
Cumber'd.	Cape Fear Asso.	S. Mims, J.McDaniel, J. S Mims, D. Thomas, A. B. Stephens,	Fayetteville.
	Fayetteville Female Miss. So.	T. Mason,* T. McDaniel,	Fayetteville.
	Cape Fr. Church,	C. McAllister,	Fayetteville.
		D. S. Williams,	Averasboro.
Richm'd.	Cartledge's Cr'k.	A. Dockery,	Dockery's.
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	R. Jacks,	Brier Creek.
Rowan,	Eaton's Church,	J. N. Frost,*	Moxville.
Craven,	Newbern Chur. and Congregt'n.	J. J. Finch, S. Biddle,* J. C. Stevenson,*	Newbern.
	Goose Creek,	Z. Slade,	Newbern.
Nash,	Nashville Church,	A. J. Battle,	Nashville.
Edgecm'b	Tarboro' Church,	H. Austin,* H. Johnston,* and W. Potter,	Tarboro.
Johnson,	Smithfield,	R.T.Saunders, D.Thompson	Smithfield.
Sampson,	Goshen M. Soc'y.	W.J. Finley, G. Fennel,	Harrell's.
		J. Mathis,	Taylor's.
		E. Carroll,	Kenansville.
Perquim's	Bethel Church,	S. E. Gardiner, C. W. Skinner,	Hertford.
Chowan,	Edenton,	A. P. Repiton,	Edenton.
		R. McNabb,	Raleigh.
Duplin,	Kenansville,	B. Carroll,	Kenansville.
		G. W. Hufham,	Wrightsville
		J. Oliver,	Sarecta.
		B. Oliver,	Wrightsville
Granville,	Island Creek,	W. H. Jordan,	Williamsboro
	Grassy Creek,	T. B. Barnett,*	Waterloo.
Franklin,	Poplar Spring,	W. Cheaves,* N. Pierce,	Louisburg.
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	J. Culpepper, Sen.	Beverly.
	Pee Dee Assoc'n.	do. do.	
Person,	Beulah Associatn.	J. N. Norfleet,	Gordons.
	Olive Branch,	do.	

REPORT ON WAKE FOREST INSTITUTE.

The Committee appointed on the Wake Forest Institute, report:

That, from the information which they have had at command, they feel justified in saying that the condition and character of the Institute, was never more inviting or commanding. The Faculty is composed of men of tried abilities, and their faithfulness at their post has only to be known, to secure to the Institution over which they preside, a liberal patronage for the future. During the present year they have labored under many discouragements. The principal of these has been the *want* of a sufficient number of students. And this, while it has been the chief source of discouragement to them, constitutes, in the view of your committee, the principal obstacle in the way of this seminary. To remove this obstacle, and to raise the Institute at once to an equally commanding eminence, in point of success, with similar institutions of the day, it is only necessary that the friends of education, and particularly the friends of Baptist interest, should send their sons here to be educated. If all the Baptists, *now in North Carolina*, who have sons to educate, would send them here, there would never be any cause to regret the smallness of their number. But this has not been the case. Too many send their sons nowhere. Too many prefer ordinary schools. And a large number of those that are educated, are sent off to foreign institutions. Now, in all this, there is much over which to lament. But on the last specification, we feel most inclined at present to complain. The impression that seems to prevail among the educating portion of our community, that they must send their sons at a distance to be educated, has done, and is now doing the Institute the most material injury. In saying this, we do not wish to diminish the worth of foreign institutions in the estimation of this Convention, or of the people of this State. We would only say, that in estimating their claims, we should not be unmindful of those at home, and those which are dependent upon us for support.

As to sound literature, as to pure morality, and all other useful attainments, no advantage can be gained by going either south or north from the Wake Forest Institute. And in doing it, we feel sure that only a name is sought, and that only a name is found. It will be in vain to expend our money to rear the necessary buildings; it will be in vain to unite our wisdom in devising the best measures for an institution of high character; and to pour forth our prayers for its success, if its professed friends continue to send their sons to other institutions. We must break down that ungenerous passion so conspicuous in human nature, that swells the value of distant objects, but diminishes that of home—of objects around us.

We feel happy, however, to say to the Convention, that the prospects of the Institute, in this particular, are brightening. There are some

twenty-five or thirty students more, who have already signified their intention to join it next year. The English and Preparatory departments may need some improvement from the present plan. We learn that these have been carried on to the best advantage, under existing circumstances. But we think it should be distinctly understood at home and abroad, that students can *begin* and *finish* their education at the Institute.

The claims of the Institute evidently come in commanding terms to every Baptist heart, and every friend of learning and virtue. There is no other single organization among us, upon which we are so much dependent as this. It is this that will form the character of the rising ministry; and this that will determine, to a great extent, the destiny of the denomination in this State. An institution so important, so intimately connected with our dearest interest and brightest hopes, claims our patronage, our labours, our funds and our prayers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. FINCH, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance regret to say, that the cause as far as they have had an opportunity of judging, is at present in most places throughout the State, not as prosperous as could be wished. This perhaps may be attributed in part to the imprudent zeal of some of the Advocates of the Temperance reformation, but more especially to the indifference of others who formerly manifested a becoming zeal for the promotion of this good cause. We deeply regret, in view of the evil consequences which have and will evidently yet result from the intemperate use of ardent spirits, to find that some professors of religion are still in the habit of partaking of this pernicious cordial at public gatherings, as well as at home. Though the cause of Temperance is in many places in a declining state, we rejoice to know that much good has been effected in some places. About twelve months back, it was ascertained that 2,000,000 of persons in our own land have quit the constant use of ardent spirits as a drink; 200,000 have abandoned all drinks that have a tendency to intoxicate; 4,000 distilleries have stopped; 8,000 merchants have ceased selling it; 1,200 vessels now sail without it, and 12,000 drunkards have been reformed.

We would, in view of these facts, indulge the hope that our Christian friends throughout the State will continue to exert their influence in promoting this benevolent enterprize.

R. McNABB, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals report—That they consider the circulation of religious periodicals through the state an object highly desirable and worthy of our persevering exertions. We apprehend that the great reason why our brethren are not more zealously engaged in the various great objects of benevolence is, that they are not well enough acquainted with those objects and have not a sufficient knowledge of what their brethren in other parts of the world are doing in the cause of God. We have so much confidence in the piety of the great body of the Baptists in North Carolina, that we cannot believe that they would knowingly neglect their duty and fold their arms upon the field of labour, whilst many of their brethren around are coming up to the great work of publishing the gospel through the world.

Prejudices exist in the minds of many against missionary efforts, and efforts for circulating the scriptures, and against Sabbath schools, and the education of the ministry; and we consider that the information derived from Religious Periodicals is excellently well calculated to remove those prejudices and stir up the soul of the Christian to zeal and activity. And where no prejudice exists in the mind, and the heart of the Christian is already interested in the great labor of love the reading of these periodicals has the happy tendency to keep alive the vital flame, and increase the intensity of holy affection. Your Committee are therefore happy to learn that the Biblical Recorder continues to rise in the estimation of the Baptists in our State, and that the list of subscribers is considerably enlarged; but as there still is room for its more extensive circulation, we would recommend to our brethren and particularly our ministering brethren, to interest themselves in increasing the number of its readers and supporters.

Your Committee would also recommend to the patronage of the Baptists of this State, the Christian Review, a most useful and interesting periodical published in Boston, Mass., the terms of which are three dollars per annum, payable in advance.

This should be taken and read by all the ministers in our State. It would repay them an hundred fold for the little expense it would occasion them. And not only would ministers be benefited, but our brethren generally would receive much advantage by becoming its subscribers.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. E. Gardner, Ch.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools, have taken this subject into consideration, as much as their limited opportunities would permit. We believe that Sabbath school instruction is of great importance to the community, and well calculated by the blessing of God to exert a happy influence on the youth of our country. From the best information now in hand we suppose there are at this time, not far different from 200 schools now in operation in this State, in which there are probably between 12 and 15 hundred teachers engaged in the instruction of 10 or 12 thousand scholars.

The A. S. S. Union have, we believe, by their agents, established schools, in most places where it was deemed practicable throughout our State, the greater portion of which we are fearful, are now on the decline for the want of more energy and zeal on the part of superintendents and teachers.

Respectfully submitted, M. D. Freeman, Ch.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the interests of the Home Mission report,

That, from the best information they have been able to obtain, much good has been done by the missionaries of this body. The churches in whose neighborhoods they have labored, entirely approve of the work in which we are engaged.

It has occurred to your committee, however, that more good would be done by sending our missionaries to such fields as they have not before occupied. The state is so large, and the number of missionaries so small, it will be perfectly convenient to keep each missionary on entirely new ground.

It has also appeared to your committee that it would contribute to the advancement of the great cause in which we are engaged, to assign to each missionary a circuit of such extent as will enable him to visit his congregation at stated periods.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Sam'l Wait, Ch.

REPORT ON TRACTS.

Your committee on Tracts beg leave to report, That they look upon the distribution of tracts as an efficient agent in the amelioration of the moral condition of mankind. We feel confident in saying, we view their circulation and *their* influence *second alone* to that of the Bible. We know that the Bible is indispensable to the salvation of man, the advancement of God's glory, and the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. But in the mean time we feel that these ends are astonishingly furthered by Tract distribution. We might be more confident and say we know that they are. Listen to the intelligence on this point furnished us by the Missionaries throughout our land. So powerful is their influence that we find it impossible to meet the demands which are daily made for means to spread these miniature messengers of mercy and salvation. One great reason which we would assign for their distribution is the fact that they will be read when a large volume would lie enveloped in the dust which gathers upon it in consequence of its disuse. Not so with tracts, they will be taken up and read frequently for the want of other employment, and oftentimes in this way they are rendered effectual in the salvation of the giddy and thoughtless. Therefore, *Resolved*, That all God's people are loudly called upon to use their influence and employ their efforts to assist in the *printing* and *circulation* of Tracts at home and abroad.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. P. Repiton, Ch.

REPORT ON THE FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, for the purpose of reporting on the expediency of establishing a female seminary, of a high order, in a central part of the state, would respectfully submit the following statements:

They are convinced that an institution such as proposed is greatly needed. The facts—that there are but few female schools of much standing in our state—that these are not generally adapted to the views and wishes of our brethren—and that our people are therefore compelled either to keep their daughters at home uneducated, or to send them to other states, at an enormous expense and much inconvenience —constitute, in the view of your committee, sufficient evidence that a

seminary adapted to the wants of our people, and located in a central part of the state, is an object much to be desired.

Nor do your committee entertain a doubt, that a seminary properly constituted, and situated in a healthful and eligible part of the state, would receive an ample support. To say nothing of those portions of the community, having no concern for Baptist enterprise, which would find it to their interest to patronise such a school, there are surely baptists enough, who would eagerly embrace the opportunities afforded by such an institution, to provide it with an ample and permanent patronage.

It is the opinion of your committee, that the seminary should be located in Raleigh or in the vicinity of that city: that it should be properly and primarily a boarding school: that it should be furnished with buildings and all needful accommodations, for *thirty pupils* at the outset: that the instructors should be persons of high standing in their profession and fully adequate as to number: that the branches taught should be such as to constitute a plain and substantial, but at the same time, a first rate course of female education: that the whole establishment should be modelled and conducted on strictly religious principles: and that the school should be subject to the superintendance of one man, who, together with his lady, should constitute a sort of temporary parentage, with whom the pupils should live, to whom their morals and behaviour, as well as their scholarship, should be entrusted, and who should be held responsible for their safety and improvement, so long as they continued in the school. If located in town, a lot should be procured, and suitable buildings and fixtures provided. If in the country, a small farm, affording a healthy and commanding situation, should be purchased and all necessary local arrangements made. And all this should be done before the school should be allowed to go into operation.

As the pecuniary responsibilities involved in such an undertaking would probably be greater than any one person would wish to assume, your committee suggest the expediency of forming a small company or corporation, who should divide the stock and the proceeds among themselves; and who should employ teachers, make regulations, control the financial concerns, and do all other things appertaining to the obsolute proprietorship of the establishment. In that case, the wisdom of a number would be concentrated—interest in behalf of the school would be more generally diffused—arrangements requiring an outlay of funds might be made with efficiency and despatch—if any loss should be sustained, it would be divided among several, and would probably fall on such as would be able to bear it—and should any thing be gained by the enterprise, it would go to those properly entitled to it, and would be

a gratifying compensation, for expenses incurred and responsibilities assumed.

Your committee are aware that neither the Board, nor the Convention has any constitutional power to act in this business. They have power, however to give advice, and to recommend measures, and this we trust will be done on the present occasion. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That in the estimation of this convention, it is expedient to institute a FEMALE SEMINARY, adapted to the existing wants of the denomination, and to be located in the city of Raleigh, or at some eligible point in the adjoining country.

2. *Resolved*, That immediate and effective measures be recommended for carrying into effect the aforesaid undertaking—and that the school be had in readiness for operation in one, or at most, in two years from the present date.

3. *Resolved*, That the aforesaid school be modeled and conducted on strictly religious principles ; but that it should be, as far as possible, free from sectarian influence.

4. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolutions, and that they conform as far as practicable, to the principles of the foregoing report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. MEREDITH. *Ch.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The materials in the possession of your Board, do not supply them with the means of presenting to the Convention a Report possessing that degree of interest it is usual to expect, and would be pleasing to impart in such a communication. The following statements will comprehend whatever is supposed to be interesting to the Convention, and deserving of their attention.

Since the last Convention, there has been one meeting *only* of the Board, which was held in July, at the Institute. The proceedings of that meeting, so far as it is judged important to report them to the Convention, were as follows:

The term of six months, for which brother McNabb had been appointed missionary by the last Convention, having expired, the Board deemed it proper to protract the term of his service until the present session of the Convention. Brother McNabb had in his possession $24, which he had collected for the Convention,

which, by the direction of the Board, he paid over to the treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

From representations to the Board, that, by many of the friends of the Convention, it was considered desirable permanently to locate the meetings of the Convention at some central point, a committee consisting of brethren Wait, Justice and Meredith, was appointed to present a report to the present meeting of the Convention on that subject. This is believed to comprehend, whatever is material to be submitted to the Convention, of the proceedings of the last meeting of their Board.

Accounts have been received from most of our missionaries.—From these the following statements are presented to the Convention. Bro. Eli Phillips has travelled as missionary for the Convention 60 days, and preached nearly as many sermons. His labours have been principally in the counties of Moore, Randolph, Davidson, Iredell and Rowan. Bro. Phillips earnestly regrets, that he has been prevented by the sickness of his family, from rendering a greater amount of service to the Convention. While brother Phillips speaks of the prospects as being in some places encouraging, he represents it in others as sadly the reverse. Ministers of the Gospel he says are scarce, and he has found many churches within the sphere of his operations, entirely destitute of any regular ministerial supply; to which lamentable fact, he, with justice attributes, in a great degree, their state of barrenness and coldness. Brother Phillips upon this subject, exclaims with compassionate zeal, "Dear brethren, is there no remedy. May the Lord enable the Convention to reply to this affecting appeal, by proving, through her zeal and efficiency in evangelical effort, that there is balm in Gilead, for healing the diseases of our afflicted land."

From brother Douglas' communication, we learn that he has travelled in the service of the Convention, since their last session, 185 days, preached 175 sermons, and collected for the Convention, $7 50. Brother Douglas, out of his wages, gives $5 to the Convention, which he wishes appropriated to the home mission fund. Brother Jacks has travelled as missionary for the Convention 270 days, preached 250 sermons, baptized 7 persons, assisted in ordaining two ministers, and attended two protracted meetings and four associations. He has collected for the Convention $47 55. During these labours he has travelled over the counties of Ashe, Surry, Davie, Iredell, Lincoln, Burke and Wilkes, and two counties in Virginia. Several of the meetings he at-

tended, he represents as having been particularly interesting; the Yadkin Association especially, which, on account of the encouraging indications, was protracted by himself and brother Owen several days. During this meeting ten persons professed hope in Christ, and many were left seriously concerned for their soul's salvation. It has been the object of brother Jacks, to preach the gospel in its sincerity and purity, and to explain to the people the nature and the objects of the Convention; and notwithstanding much unhappy opposition, he still believes the cause of evangelical benevolence to be steadily advancing.

Brother McNabb travelled during the months of November and December, through the counties of Orange, Chatham, Moore and Cumberland. In these counties he attended several interesting protracted meetings. During January and February, he travelled thro' New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, and Bladen counties. In these counties he states the labours of our missionaries to be thankfully received. His operations during March, April and May, extended thro' the Raleigh and Sandy Creek Associations, in which his congregations were generally good, and he had many interesting meetings.—The month of June he spent in the bounds of the Chowan Association. This Association he found, beyond any other he visited, devoted to the objects of the Convention. In the months of July and August, he travelled the second time through the Raleigh and Sandy Creek Associations, during which time he attended some protracted meetings, as interesting as he has ever seen. The month of September was occupied in travelling through the Flat River Association.—Bro. McNabb represents the field in this region as white for harvest. In October he again visited the Chowan Association, when he found a pleasant state of things prevailing among some of the churches.—He states that they are anxious, that the Convention should send one or two missionaries among them during the ensuing year. He has in all parts been cordially received, and finds a general desire prevailing that the number of our missionaries should be increased. Brother McNabb has travelled in the service of the Convention 350 days, preached 325 sermons, obtained in cash $434 95, and in subscriptions $70, and rode about 3,400 miles. Such is the amount which has been received from your missionaries in relation to their labours and the prospects of the Convention, within the sphere of their operations.

In reviewing the missionary operations of the Convention, there will be found encouraging reason for believing that real good has

been effected by this means. Ministers restricted in their operations by hard necessity, under the influence of the Convention, have been liberated from their imprisonment, and sent out into the highways and hedges, to compel perishing sinners to the great gospel feast. An amount of ministerial labor has been obtained, and the ministry of the gospel has been promoted in different portions of the State, in a degree, and with a success, which, without the influence of the Convention, there is no good reason to believe, would have existed. And who can disclose the results? If the holy angels of heaven rejoice over one sinner restored to God, who can compute the magnitude of the work which has been already effected by the Convention. The day of Eternity *alone*, will reveal its everlasting importance.

But, brethren, what we have done, but the more impressively discovers to us, what we have yet to do. The light that shines upon our path, serves but to illumine the darkness around us, and to convince us that our work, as yet, is but begun. Wide and desolate is the field, we are called in the providence of God to occupy. From all around us, hear the cry of those awakening into life under the influence of your efforts. Send us more missionaries to preach to us the gospel, and to minister to us in the holy things of God. From the heights of the Alleghany to the waves of the Atlantic, the field invites the sickle of the spiritual husbandman: nor will our work have been accomplished until mountain shall re-echo to mountain the praises of the Lamb, and until the floods of the Atlantic shall mingle their praise with the songs of redeeming love bursting from all their shores. But how is this great work to be accomplished? From the contemplation of so sublime a prospect, it is indeed painful to descend, to the consideration of our present lamentably disproportionate means of operation. Our contributions amount to a mere pittance, compared to the magnitude of the object we have in view, and compared to our ability in reference to that object. Think of the number of Baptist Churches in North Carolina; think of the amount of wealth belonging to those churches; think of the superfluities that might be spared from affluence, to give the bread of life to famishing souls; think of the Son of God who died on the cross for our salvation, and let us say, Brethren, whether, as yet, we have even begun our work. To our brethren through the State, the Convention must address the enquiry, How is this work to be accomplished? But the answer will be found short and simple. It is to be accomplished by the obedience of christians to the last solemn command of their Lord and Saviour.

When the people of God shall have realized that the gold and silver of the earth is the Lord's; when they shall have learned to feel that they themselves are not their own, having been bought with the precious blood of Christ; when they shall have come, *fully* to sympathise with angels in their joy over the repenting sinner; when the solemn appeal of the Saviour shall have come with full power to their hearts, convincing them that the whole world is trash, weighed in the scales against the immortal soul, then, brethren, shall we find ourselves in the possession of means adequate to the accomplishment of the important objects of our Convention. Yes! it is not to be doubted, if so glorious a revolution in the views and feelings of the Church were to occur to-morrow—to-morrow would see the few hundreds sent to the Convention increasing to as many thousands. The rivulets would swell into brooks; the brooks expand into rivers. Every consideration calculated to operate upon the intellect and heart of a pious man, pleads for liberality in such a cause. Godliness has the promise of the life that now is, not less than of that which is to come. He that soweth bountifully, bountifully shall reap. Peace reigns in the soul of the faithful servant of Christ, and hope points him to the skies. By seeking to save others, the christian best testifies his gratitude and love to the Saviour of his own soul: and he is acting worthy of his own character *only*, while appreciating the high and holy dignity of laboring with God for the conversion of the world. When, brethren, shall we feel the heavenly import of the Saviour's doctrine, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When shall we be excited into liberal activity and zeal, by the cheering consideration that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Brethren, what we do, must be quickly done. Death will soon come, and put an end to all our schemes on earth. He who wishes to serve the Lord, and realize to himself heavenly and eternal treasure, should be intent upon his work. Our bodies will soon be in the silent grave, and our spirits will soon have passed to the judgment seat of Christ. Dying friends falling around us, together with the frequent monitors of our own approaching end, remind us forcibly of the necessity of working "while it is day." The work of which we have been speaking is to be done. It is hastening on to consummation. It is for us to determine, whether we will be active agents in its accomplishment, or whether we shall be removed, that our places may be supplied with others, more sensible of their privileges, and more faithful to their duties. There is a voice all around us, calling us to activ-

ity. Eternal truth is on her march, prejudice and bigotry are yielding to her influence; the slumbers of ages are breaking; and a long night of darkness is disappearing, before the rising beams of the "the sun of righteousness." In view, brethren of what has already been done, and still more in view of what we are invited to do, we would say in the words of inspiration, "Let us thank God and take courage."

WM. HILL JORDAN, Cor. Sec.

REPORT ON BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Your Committee on the Board of Managers, recommend to the Convention, the brethren whose names follow:

J. Dennis, W. H. Merritt, John Purify, R. T. Sanders, W. J. Finley, D. Thompson, W. M. Crenshaw, J. Peterson, C. W. Skinner, J. H. Frost, R. Bumpass, T. B. Barnett, D. Justice, E. S. Jordan, G. W. Thompson, S. Pleasant, J. Fooshee, B. Carroll, Wm. Crenshaw, Sen., J. Burnes, D. S. Williams, G. Ryan, J. S. Wheeler, J. S. Mims, M. D. Freeman, T. McDaniel, G. Fennell, S. Terrell. [The above were duly appointed.]

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FINLEY, Ch.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Societies.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total.
Wake,	Wake Forest Church,	8 50	11 50	10 00	30 00
	John Holliman,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	Society at Mount Gilead,	4 00	5 00	1 00	10 00
	Hepsabah Church,		10 00		10 00
	Rolesville Church,	3 25	3 50	3 25	10 00
	Liberty Church,	5 25	4 85		10 10
	Bro. Lewis DuPree,	50	1 50	75	2 75
	Cornelius DuPree,		25		25
Cumberl'd,	Cape Fear Association,		57 30		57 30
	Union F. Mis. Society,	6 65	6 65	6 70	20 00
	Cape Fear Church,	4 27	4 27	4 28	12 82
	Bro. David S. Williams,	4 00	1 25	6 00	11 25
	Bro. David Tims,			1 00	1 00
Chatham,	Reaves' Chapel,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Rock Spring,	4 27	4 26	4 57	13 10
	Mays's Chapel Mis. Soc.	13 33	13 33	13 34	40 00
	Mineral Spring,	6 00	3 00	1 00	10 00
	Sandy Creek Association	11 89	11 89	11 90	35 68
	Bro. Peter P. Smith,	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00
	Bro. Solomon Dossey,		50		50
	Sister Meriam Alston,	50			50
	Sister ——— Marsh,	30	35	35	1 00
Richmond,	Cartledges Creek,	12 50	4 50	12 50	29 50
	Bro. Alex. Nicholson,	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	4 50	1 25	4 25	10 00
Davie,	Eaton Church,	5 25	1 50	3 25	10 00
Sampson,	Cohary Bap. Mis. Soc.	1 66	1 66	1 68	5 00
	Bro. Jas. Mathis,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
Craven,	Newbern Ch. and congregation.	39 75	22 00	20 22	81 97
	Goose Creek Society,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
Nash,	Nashville Church,	4 00	2 00	4 00	10 00
Edgecomb,	Tarboro' Church,	20 00	10 00	20 00	50 00
Johnston,	Smithfield,	3 50	8 00	13 50	25 00
Duplin,	Goshen Bap. Mis. Soc.	10 55	7 50	2 50	20 55
	Mrs. Ann Graham, John Graham, and J. Carroll.	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Kenansville Church,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Bro. Benjamin Oliver,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Bro. George Hufham,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Bro. John Oliver,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Montgom'y	Bro. Azariah Chambers,	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Granville,	Island Creek,	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00
	Sister E. Miller,			4 00	4 00
	Grassey Creek,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Bladen,	Beaverdam Church,	1 66	1 66	1 68	5 00
Orange,	Antioch Church,			20	20
Franklin,	Poplar Spring,		25 35		25 35
Surry,	George Douglass,	5 00			5 00
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	7 16	7 16	7 18	21 50
	Pedee Association,	4 21	4 21	4 23	12 65
Person,	Beulah Association,	6 65	6 65	6 70	20 00

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Bertie,	Olive Branch,	7 00	10 00		17 00
	Cashie Ch. by J. Taylor,	10 00		10 00	20 00
	Coll. by Rev. R. McNabb,	253 25	76 05	113 65	442 95
	" by Rev. R. Jacks,	28 52	14 27	4 65	47 45
	" by " G. Douglass,	3 00	1 50	3 00	7 50
		546 97	379 76	341 13	1267 87

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. SANDERS, *Ch'n.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1838. *The Treasurer, Dr.,*	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total
To balance on hand Nov. 5, 1837,		316 62		316 62
" Cash rec'd from Gosh. Bap. Mis. Soc.	21 50	21 50		43 00
" " from Rev. W. H. Turpin, Au'a Ga.			45 00	45 00
" " W.F. Brasington for Mt. Olive Ch.	3 50	9. 50		13 00
" " J. Taylor and others of Bertie,	2 50		2 50	5 00
" " Sister Harriet Hadley,	2 50		2 50	5 00
" " Bro. G. Thomas, of Stokes,		2 00		2 00
" " Sister Battle, Rocky Mount,	2 00			2 00
" " Contributions to this meeting,	546 97	379 76	341 13	1267 87
	578 97	729 38	391 13	1699 49
CONTRA.				
By amount overpaid Nov. 5—1837.	344 74			344 74
" Cash pd. Eli Phillips for 60 days of Missionary Service.	60 00			60 00
" Cash pd. George Douglass for 185 days of Missionary Service.	185 00			185 00
" Cash pd. Richard Jacks for 270 days of Missionary Service.	270 00			270 00
" Cash pd. Robert McNabb for 350 days of Missionary Service.	350 00			350 00
" Cash pd. T. Meredith for printing Minutes of last year.	21 66	21 66	21 68	65 00
	1231 40	21 66	21 68	1274 74
Balance on hand Nov. 6—1838,		707 72	369 45	424 75
Amount overpaid Home Mission Fund,	652 43			

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account have performed their service and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. SLADE, *Ch'n.*

A list of Contributions as reported by R. McNabb.

Counties.	Societies.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu'n.	Total.
Chatham,	R. Dowd 8 00, Mrs. Dowd .20,	4 00	4 20		8 20
	N. Dickens .50, J. Wamack 1 00, M. Smith .20,	1 70			1 70
Wake,	A. Wilson 1 00, J. Howell 2 00, N. Womble .25, Piney Grove 1 05, Gum Spring 1 95,	6 25			6 25
	N. Norris 1 00,		1 00		1 00
Chatham,	S. Wilson 1 00,		1 00		1 00
Orange,	G. Barbee .50,	50			50
Cumberl'd,	S. Brown .50, B. Muckle .50, R. Brown .50, R. Wilson .50,	2 00			2 00
	J. Shepherd 1, N. Buchanan .50, J. Oliver .50, C. Hathcock .50,	2 50			2 50
	J. Wilson .25, M. Huckaby .50,	75			75
Moore,	T. Yarboro .50, T. Thomas .50, J. Hawley .50, B. Lenier .50, B. Williams 1, H. Judd 50, M. Thomas .50, A. Thomas .50, W. Rambese 1, B. Wamack 1 50,	7 00			7 00
Craven,	S. Willis 1, M. Ernel .50,	1 50			1 50
Newbern,	J. Riggs 5, J. C. Brinson 2,	7 00			7 00
	Mrs. E. Washington 10,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Jones,	J. Wood 1,	1 00			1 00
N. Han.	J. Piggford .50, W. Lamb 2, S. A. E. Carroll .50, C. M. Carroll .50,	3 50			3 50
	G. Fennell 1, B. Rogers .50, R. Rogers .50, L. Carroll 2,	2 00		2 00	4 00
Sampson,	L. A. Tatum .50, G. Herring 1,	1 50			1 50
S. C.	S. P. Ivey .50, S. T. Stanaland 1,	1 50			1 50
	M. Stanaland .50, D. Stanaland 1, L. Stanaland .50, S. B. Stanaland .75, A. Stanaland .50, W. D. Sellers .50, S. Sellers .10,	3 85			3 85

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Brunswick,	W. Chalker 1, W. Danford .30, W. D. Bryan 1, A. R. Smith .25, A. W. Bessent .25, S. Dussenburg .50, R. Wilson .50, M. Edge 1,	4 80			4 80
Columbus,	C. Galloway .50, N. Galloway .25, M. Hemmingway .50, S. Rutland .25, S. B. Robbins .50,	2 00			2 00
	M. Long .50, W. Frink 1 H. Long .25, Beaver Dam 1,	2 50	25		2 75
	Pleasant Plains 2,	2 00			2 00
Bladen,	Cross Roads .30, D. Lennon 1, E. Lennon .50 Elizabeth Lennon .50	2 00	30		2 30
Moore,	Western Prong 7 10	7 10			7 10
Lenoir,	M. McKay .40 C. M. McKay 1,	1 40			1 40
	W. H. Whitfield 1 G. W. Whitfield 2 A. Moseley 1 J. Parrott .25	4 25			4 25
Orange,	L. Whitfield .50 W. Hardy .30 H. V. Etheridge .50 H. Parks .25 C. Wooten 50 J. Hardy .30	2 35			2 35
	T. Dawson .25 B. Rouse 50,	75			75
	T. Boroughs 1 J. Boroughs .50 W. Strain .50 T. J. Maddrie 50 M. Duskins 1 50 M. Patterson 50 Mrs. Duskins 25 L. H. Pratt 50 J. King 50 J. N. Patterson 50	3 25		3 00	6 25
Chatham,	J. Williams 1 M. Williams 1	2 00			2 00
	J. Harwood .25	25			25
Wake,	Mrs. Hopkins 2	1 00	1 00		2 00
	G. Underhill .25 Mrs. Busbee 1	1 25			1 25
Orange,	Cane Creek 7 05 Antioch 3 35	10 40		1 25	11 65
	Sandy Field 1 80	1 80			1 80
Wake,	B. Rogers 2 J. Sanders 4		3 00	3 00	6 00
	J. Shaw 5 Chesnut Grove 2		2 00	5 00	7 00
Granville,	N. E. Kennedy 4 Brassfields 1 90	3 90	2 00		5 90

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	Corinth 1 00, L. Montague .50,	1 50			1 50
	W. H. Paschal 3 00, D. Satterfield 1 00,	4 00			4 00
	S. Montague 1 00, Grassey Creek 2 00,	1 00	2 00		3 00
	Olive Branch 7 90, Bethel 6 00,	13 90			13 90
—	W. Clements 1 00, Hesters 1 90, Locks 6 15, J. Waller 1 00, E. Hester 5 00,	6 00	1 00	8 05	16 05
	Mrs. S. Russel 5 00,			5 00	5 00
Bertie,	Cashie 4 15,			4 15	4 15
Edenton,	Mrs. Wilder 1 95, A. Rea .50,			2 45	2 45
	R. Blount 10 00, E. Bond 2 00;	7 00		5 00	12 00
Perqum's	M. Mixon 1 00, Mrs. Rea .50,			1 50	1 50
	J. M. Cumming 1 00, A Friend .25,			1 25	1 25
Pasquotank	M. W. Jones 2 00, J. Taylor 1 00,	3 00			3 00
Winton,	N. Bynum 3 00, A Friend 1 00, A. G. Vann 1 00, A. S. Cross .50,			5 50	5 50
Wake,	Hepsibah 13 30,		13 30		13 30
	B. T. Blake 2 50, Mrs. Blake 2 50, B. T. Blake Jun. .25, Mrs. Shaw .25,		5 50		5 50
Orange,	H. Parker 5 00,			5 00	5 00
Person,	J. Gill .50, S. Garrott 2 00,		2 50		2 50
	J. Holloway .50, T. Pool 1 00, N. Woody .10,	1 60			1 60
Granville,	B. Hester 1 00,	1 00			1 00
Halifax,	Conniconary, —	12 00	5 00	7 50	24 50
Bertie,	Capeharts, —	2 50			2 50
Perquim's.	J. Wood 5 00, M. Wood 2 00,			7 00	7 00
	C. W. Skinner 10 00, S. Barbee, 1 00,			11 00	11 00
	W. M. Fleetwood 1 00, M. Felton 1 00,			2 00	2 00
	M. Williams 1 00, R. H. Whitby 1 00,			2 00	2 00
	J. Gatling 2 00, M. Gatling .50,			2 50	2 50

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Counties.	Societies.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu'n.	Total.
Pasquotank	Ramoth Gilead,		5 00		5 00
Camden,	Shiloh 10 75, Salem 11 50,	17 25		5 00	22 25
Currituck,	Providence,	7 50		8 00	15 50
Camden,	J. D. Grandy 5 00,		5 00		5 00
	Sawyers Creek,	20 00		6 75	26 75
Gates,	Sandy Cross 14 00,	2 00	10 00	2 00	14 00
Gatesville,	S. W. Worrell 2 00, S. Roundtree 1 00,	3 00			3 00
	J. A. Blount 1 00, H. M. Daughtery 2 00,	3 00			3 00
	H. Gilliam 5 00, E. Gilliam 1 00,	6 00			6 00
	W. Daughtry .25, R. K. Speed 1 00,			1 25	1 25
	R. McIntosh 1 00, S. B. Saunders 2 00,	2 00		1 00	3 00
	J. Harvey 1 00, M. A. Lovett .50,	1 50			1 50
	M. Dorsey 1 00, E. Daughtry 1 00,	2 00			2 00
	S. E. Blount .50, J. S. Haslett 1 00,	1 50			1 50
Hertford,	G. C. Moore,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	Meherrin,	1 25	2 00	1 00	4 25
Gates,	W. Lee 4 00, J. Freeman .25,	1 25	2 00	1 00	4 25
	E. Lee .50, E. Howell 3 25,	1 25	2 50	1 00	4 75
	S. Howell .50, C. Lee .25,			75	75
	L. Lee .50,		50		50
Bertie,	T. Horne 1 50, J. Rutland 1 00,	2 50			2 50
	C. Roby .50, Mrs. Britton .50,	1 00			1 00
	L. Jiggitts 4 00, E. Jiggitts 1 00,	5 00			5 00
Winton,	J. Anderson,	2 00			2 00
Gates,	Middle Swamp,	2 75			2 75
Newbern,	Z. Slade 5 00, S. J. Slade 1 00,	6 00			6 00
Wake,	E. Young 1 50,	1 50			1 50
	A. Alderman,	1 50			1 50
		$253 25	76 05	113 65	442 95

A list of Contributions as reported by R. Jacks.

Counties.	Names.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
Iredell,	Nancy Rice,	25			25
	Henry Smith,	25	25		50
	Lucy Lovelace,	25	25		50
	Ebenezar Holman,	1 00	1 00		2 00
	L. R. Tuck,	25	25		50
	David Rice,			1 00	1 00
	Rachel Holman,	25	25		50
	Mrs. Sabra Holman,	25	25	25	75
	Mrs. Matilda Richards,	25			25
	David Holman,	1 00	1 00		2 00
Davie,	James Hudson,	50			50
	Archibald Lovelace,	50			50
	Wilson Holman,	25	25	25	75
	Sarah Brandon,	20			20
	S. M. Smoot,	25			25
	Patrick Cain'		50		50
	The above is from Society Church,				
Iredell,	James Bailey,	12	13		25
	William Pearce,	25	25		50
Rowan,	Leah Phifer,	12	13		25
Iredell,	James Pearce,	25	25		50
	By collection at N. Hope,	1 40	1 40	1 40	4 20
Wilkes,	William Coffey,	1 00			1 00
	D. Coffey,	50			50
	William Lennore,	1 00			1 00
	William Davenport,	50			50
	T. Sturd,	50			50
	Wm. Cortel,	50			50
	C. Coffey,		50		50
	Thos. Pinion,	25			25
Burke,	W. Dickson,			50	50
	Wilburn Coffey,	25	25		50
	Daniel Moore,	50	25		75
	Jesse Moore,	25	50		75
Lincoln,	E. L. Shuford,			50	50
	Wooson Howard,	50			50
	Isaac Low,	50			50
	James Harden,	50			50
	John D. Graham,	50			50
	Alex. Low,	50			50
	William Ship,	50			50
	Mrs. Sarah F. Hampton,	50			50
	Nancy Sbroup,	25			25
	M. N. Dillinger,	5			5
	S. Weathers,	25			25
	L. Weathers,	25			25
	T. Perley,	25			25

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Counties.	Names.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
	T. Webber,			25	25
	E. Weathers,	25			25
	R. Clarke,			25	25
	T. Thonebury,		25		25
Lincolnton,	R. Harriss,	1 00			1 00
	H. S. Hicks,		50		50
	Allen Stanly,		1 00		1 00
	H. Rhodes,	1 00			1 00
	By collection at Thesilonica,	1 87			1 87
Surry,	John T. Memicle,		25		25
	Abner Phillips,		12		12
	Nancy Spirs,		25		25
Ashe,	James Blevins,	50	25	25	1 00
	David Blevins,	50			50
	Priscilla Jacks,	50			50
	Sarah Jacks,	50			50
	Margaret Jacks,		50		50
	Altha Jacks,		50		50
	R. Murcherson,	1 00			1 00
	J. D. Watson,	1 00			1 00
	Altha Tucker,	50			50
Gray'n, Va.	Elisha Anderson,		50		50
	Ruth Anderson,		50		50
	Isaac Spencer,	50			50
Surry,	Thomas Hampton,	50			50
	Elizabeth Hampton,	50			50
	Rev. Bar Roby,		50		50
Davidson,	James Wiseman,	1 00	1 00		2 00
	Agnes Durham,		50		50
		28 52	14 27	4 65	47 45

PROCEEDINGS,

Of the North Carolina Bible Society at its second annual meeting at Brown's Meeting House in Sampson county, Nov. 3rd, 1838.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. T. Meredith taking the chair and prayer being made by Rev. John Purify.

On motion appointed Rev. D. S. Williams, M. D. Freeman, George Ryan and Mr. Burns a committee on Finance.

On motion, invitation was given to Auxiliary Societies and individuals to become members of this Society.

The following is a list of its members,

Cape Fear B. Society, by J. S. Mims,	13 50	T. McDaniel,	1 00
Beulah Association,	4 00	Richard Jacks,	1 00
Olive Branch Ch.	3 00	George Fennell,	1 00
John Culpeper,	5 00	Wm. J. Finley,	1 00
A. J. Battle,	5 00	M. D. Freeman,	1 00
Margaret H. Battle,	5 00	Sister Freeman,	1 00
Z. Slade,	4 00	" Emily Fort,	1 00
S. E. Gardiner,	2 00	" Eliza Fort,	1 00
Alfred Dockery,	5 00	George Ryan,	1 00
D. S. Williams,	2 00	J. Wilson,	1 00
C. W. Skinner,	5 00	George W. Hufham,	1 00
James McDaniel,	2 00	A. P. Ripiton,	1 00
J. Everitt,	3 00	R. McNabb,	1 00
W. H. Jordan & wife,	3 00	J. Purify,	1 00
Richmond Watkins,	1 00	David Justice,	1 00
J. Fooshee,	1 00	Benjamin Oliver,	1 00
T. Meredith,	1 00	Lemuel Chesnut,	1 00
G. Meredith,	1 00	R. T. Sanders,	1 00
Sister Garrison,	1 00	Susan J. Slade,	1 00
" Blackman,	1 00	J. N. Washington,	1 00
" Julia Sanders,	1 00	Saml. Mims,	1 00
" Thompson,	1 00	L. T. Williams,	1 00
" Burns,	1 00	Jos. W. Creath,	1 00
" Williams,	1 00	James Carroll,	1 00
" Slocum,	1 00	T. C. Garrison,	1 00
" McDaniel,	1 00	D. Boon,	1 00
" E. S. Williams,	1 00	J. C. Nelson,	1 00
Saml. Wait,	1 00	Dr. Stith,	75
Alex. Williams,	1 00	J. D. Carroll,	75
John Sellers,	1 00	J. L. Boykin,	62
Thomas Dallon,	1 00	J. M. Lane,	50
B. Carroll,	1 00	Mary Pason,	50
		J. O. Andrews,	50

George Russ,	50	John Fellows,	25
S. Tyrrell,	50	A. B. Stevens,	25
J. M. Fennell,	50	A Friend,	25
A. W. Bynum,	50	R. Carroll,	25
E. J. Carroll,	50	Wm. Potter,	25
Lewis DuPree,	50	A. Brown,	25
C. S. Fooshee,	50		
			$115 12

On motion Resolved, That the circulation of the Bible is indispensible to the salvation of the world.

On motion Resolved that for accomplishing a general distribution of the scriptures, Societies instituted for the purpose, form the most effectual instrumentality.

On motion adjourned till 1-2 after 8 o'clock on Monday morning. Prayer by Rev. R. Jacks.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Culpeper.

On motion, Appointed REV. T. MEREDITH, President.

WM. H. JORDAN & S. WAIT, Vice Presidents.

DAVID WILLIAMS, Cor. Sec.

A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec.

ALFRED DOCKERY, Treasurer,

On motion appointed W. H. Jordan and J. S. Mims to nominate a board of Managers, who reported the following :—Wm. H. Merritt, J. Culpeper, Senr., C. W. Skinner, Jas. McDaniel, J. J. Finch, R. McNabb, M. D. Freeman, W. White, W. Roles, G. Douglass, J. P. Cook, A. Howard, G. W. Purify, W. M. Crenshaw, John Fooshee, C. McAllister, R. T. Sanders and Wm. Potter.

On motion Resolved, That the Treasurer send forward to the Treasurer of the A. and F. B. S. the amount of funds on hand.

On motion resolved that our next meeting be held at the same place and time of the next Convention.

On motion Resolved, That these minutes be printed with the minutes of the Convention as heretofore.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Hufham.

T. MEREDITH, *Pres't.*

A. J. BATTLE, *Rec. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

JOHNSON LIBERTY, JOHNSON COUNTY, N C.

Oct. 15—18, 1841.

RALEIGH.

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1841.

MINUTES, &c.

The introductory sermon was preached by Wm. H. Jordan, from 1st Cor. chap. and 59th v.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Alfred Dockery. Prayer by J. J. Finch

Appointed Ransom Sanders, Joseph Broughton, J. F. Ellington, Lovett Spivey and Isaac Stallings, a committee to select preachers for the stand, during the session of the Convention.

Appointed T. B. Barnett, and Jeremiah Solomon, a committee of Finance.

Contributions were received from the following churches, Societies, Associations and Individuals.

Counties.	Ch's. Societies, &c.	Delegates.	Post Offices.
Wake,	Raleigh Church,	M. B. Royster,	Raleigh,
"	Wake Forest,	S. Wait, J. B. White, A. J. Battle,	Forestville,
"	Wake Union	Foster Fort,	do.
"	Wake Liberty,	Jeremiah Lassiter	Wake Forest
"	New Salem,	Anderson Yates,	Holly Springs,
"	Holly Spring,	Needham Norris,	do.
"	Mt. Moriah,	Daniel Du Pre, Sr.	Busbee's Store,
"	Rolesville,	W. A. Atkinson,	Rolesville,
"	Wake Cross Roads,	L. Cook, J. P. Robinson,	do.
"	Raleigh Association,	J. Dennis, W. Yates S. H. Dunn.	Raleigh,
"	J. L. Holoman,		do.
Chatham,	Rock Spring,	Geo. W. Thompson,	Pittsboro,
"	Mt. Gilliad,	Joshua Williams *	Hackny's ⋈ Roads,
Craven,	Newbern,	J. J. Finch, J. C. Stevenson	Newbern,
Cumberland,	Friendship,	D. S. Williams,	Averysboro,
"	Fay. Female Bapt. S.	John M'Daniel,	Fayetteville,
"	Cape Fear Bapt. As.	J. C. Averett,* J. Gains,* M. Watson, *	do
	JohnPurify,		do.
Richmond,	Cartledges Creek,	Alfred Dockery,	Dockery's Store.
Johnson,	Johnson Liberty,	J. Boon, N. Bryant,	Busbee's Store.
	Smithfield,	R. Sanders. R. T. Sanders D. Lunsford & W. H. M'Cullers,	Smithfield.
Sampson,	Bulah Church,	Rufus Hines,	Clinton,
Duplin,	Goshen Association,	M. Blount, F. B. Miller, *	Lenansville,
Pitt,	Greenville,	N. A. Purify, by do.	Greenville,
Edgecomb,	Tarborough,		Tarborough,
Bertie,	Sandy Run,	David Harrell,	Brit's ⋈ Roads,
"	Chowan Association,	Dr. S. J. Wheeler, T. Meredith, Dr. S. Webb, J. L. Pritchard, G. W. Thompson.	Murfreesboro,
Hertford,	Pleasant Grove,	Dr. J. C. Moore,	Rich Square,
Chowan,	Edenton,	T. Waff, M. T. Gregory,	Edenton,
Franklin,	Tar River Asso.	T. Crocker,* J. Solomon	Louisburg,
Granville,	Hesters,	W. Gordon, T. Badgett,	Oxford,
"	Grassy Creek,	T. B. Barnett,	Waterloo,
"	Island Creek,	W. H. Jordan,	Williamsboro,
"	Flat River Asso.	W. Jones, Geo. W. Jones,	Oxford,
Orange,	Bulah Association,	G. W. Purify, A. Blackwood.	Hillsboro,
"	Antioch,	J. M. Beaver.	do
"	Mars Hill,	Thos. S. Fawcitt.	do.
"	Sister Graham,	John C. Howell,	do.
Person,	Olive Branch,	R. D. Bumpas, J. Y. Wilkinson,	Dutchville,
Caswell,	Trinity Church,	R. M'Nabb,	Yanceville,
Rowan,	Eatons,	Israel N. Rich,	Farmington,
Surry,	Barton Robey,		Rockford
Ashe,	R. Jacks, E. Hightower,		Jefferson,

* Absent.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—

PRESIDENT,	A. DOCKERY,
1st. VICE PRESIDENT,	T. MEREDITH,
2nd. VICE PRESIDENT,	C. W. SKINNER,
3rd. VICE PRESIDENT,	S. WAIT,
COR. SECRETARY,	W. H. JORDAN,
REC. SECRETARY,	J. McDANIEL,
TREASURER,	A. J. BATTLE.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Thomas Crocker, J. B. White, W. T. Brooks, James Dennis, W. A. Atkinson, M. D. Freeman, David Justice, W. Jones, James S. Purify, Geo. W. Thompson, Geo. W. Jones, J. Solomon, R. D. Bumpas. J. J. Finch, Geo. M. Thompson, S. H. Dunn, Albert G. Hinton, Thomas D. Oldham.

An invitation was extended by the President, to corresponding and visiting brethren to sit with us.

The committee on Tracts, reported, report laid on the table.

Appointed J. J. Finch, R. T. Sanders, T. B. Barnett, Geo. M. Thompson, and Needham Norris, a committee to report on the expedieney of having an agent, if one should be advised to recommend a suitable person.

Appointed J. L. Pritchard, W. H. Jordan, and Samuel Wait, a Committee to nominate twenty persons, from whom ten may be elected by the Trustees of Wake Forest College, to fill vacancies in their Board.

Appointed R. T. Sanders, David Harrell and M. Royster, a committee to solicit donations to defray the expenses of the Delegates to the Triennial Convention in May last.

Appointed Geo. M. Thompson alternate to P. W. Dowd, to preach the sermon, on behalf of the Convention at 11 o'clock on Sabbath.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by S. Wait.

Saturday morning Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. L. Pritchard.

Names of Delegates called over.

Moved that the report on Tracts be re-committed with instructions to embrace the American Baptist Publication and S. S. Society, and that J. J. Finch, be added to the committee.

The committee on S. Schools reported, report was laid on the table.

Moved that the reports on Home and Foreign Missions be called for at the close of the morning sermon, and that information of this arrangement be announced at the stand, that those who wish to hear these reports and the remarks that will follow, may have an opportunity to attend.

The committee to nominate twenty persons from whom Trustees to Wake Forest College, are to be elected, reported, report received and committee discharged.

Moved that the following extracts from the catalogue of W. College be inserted in our minutes. with a request that the associations of our denomination, friendly to this Convention will insert the same, in their minutes.

COMMENCEMENT AND SESSION OF W. F. COLLEGE.

The commencement is on the third Thursday in June.

The *first session* will commence on the second Monday in August, and close on th third Thurseay in December.

The *second session* will commence on the second Monday in January, and close on the third Thursday in June.

The *vacations* are from the third Thursday in December, to the second Monday in January; and from the third Thursday in June to the first Monday in August.

The committee on Home Missions reported. The acceptance of thereport, was moved by J. J Finch, and urged by some appropriate and interesting remarks. Geo. M. Thompson, seconded the motion and followed it with feeling appeals in behalf of the Home Mission department—report received, and ordered to be appended to the minutes—see letter A.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported. The acceptance of the report was moved by S. Wait, and sustained by an affecting history of Foreign Missions. it was seconded by W. H. Jordan, who also added some most interesting incidents connected with that history, together with some views of the character of the Heathen world, calculated to interest all the sympathy of christians in their behalf. Report received, and ordered to be appended to the minutes—see letter B.

The Missionary Hymn, 'From Greenland's' icey mountains was then sung with lively interest by the Convention.

Prayer was also offered up to God for the success of Missions, by W. H. Jordan.

The Committee on Education, in the absence of its Chairman, presented the following resolutions as a substitute for the report, which were adopted, and committee discharged.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that there are pleasing indications of increased attention to the importance of Education throughout our state.

Resolved, That the success which has hitherto attended the operations of Wake Forest College, calls for our sincerest gratitude to God; and should encourage its friends to increased efforts, to relieve it from all its pecuniary embarrassments.

The committee on Temperance reported, report laid on the table, and committee discharged.

The committee on the state of Religion, in N. Carolina, begged to be excused, on account of the absence of their Chairman.

Moved, That the committee be excused and discharged.

J. J. Finch, the only delegate who attended the Triennial Convention, held in Baltimore, in May last, reported the result of his observations whilst at the Convention, and stated that the large majority of that body were entirely opposed to making "Slave-holding" a test of christian fellowship, and that he witnessed the srongest attachment between the northern and southern members of the Baptist Church.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by J. J. Finch.

The exercises on Sabbath, were conducted by N. A. Purify, Geo. M Thompson, J. J. Finch, and R. M'Nabb. The congregation was large and attentive. We pray that a blessing may attend the labors of this day.

Sabbath collection, in behalf of the Convention, $29,85.

MONDAY MORNING.

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Geo. W. Purify.

The committee on Periodicals reported, report received and committee discharged.

Resolved, That we consider it important to the interests of our denomination, that a Baptist Religious Periodical, shall be published in our State.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Baptists of the State, to form an organization, to sustain a Religious Periodical.

Resolved, That J. J. Finch, be authorized to solicit names to carry the above resolution into effect.

Moved that our Missionaries be called upon to report.

S. Senter, reported that he had labored 55 days in the field to which he was appointed, and had received from sundry persons, the sum of $18,30 for Home Missions.

G. M. Thompson, had labored 42 days, where he was directed, but received no funds.

B. Robey, travelled and preached 163 days, had attended several associations, and received for Home Missions, $22,70. For Foreign Missions $1, 25, and for Education $1,25. Gave as a donation to Home Missions $10.

R. Jacks, reported 107 days service, had received for the Home Mission Fund, $2,50. Gave to Home Missions, as a donation $10.

R. McNabb, labored 60 days in his field, received for Home Missions $81,25; for Foreign Missions, $3,25, and a balance of unpaid subscriptions of $15, to be collected shortly.

Resolved, That the corresponding Secretary, prepare from these reports, a report of the Board, to be published with these minutes.

Appointed, S. Wait, T. B. Barnett, and Dr. S. J. Wheeler, a com-

mittee to nominate, and fix the compensation for Missionaries, for next year.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to T. Meredith, fifty dollars. for printing minutes of last year.

Appointed, S. Wait, T. Meredith, J. McDaniel W. A. Atkinson, and A. Dockery, delegates to the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina.

Appointed W. H. Jordan, T. B. Barnett, J. L. Pritchard, N. Palmer, and Dr. G. C. Moore, Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of Virginia.

Appointed, S. Wait, W. H. Jordan, J. L. Pritchard and G. C. Moore, a committee to nominate ten additional persons from whom the trustees of Wake Forest College may select five to fill vacancies in their Board.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to the Trustees of Wake Forest College, $25,50 for tuition of M. T. Yates, one of the Benificiarys of the Convention in the College Department; also to pay to W. T. Brooks, $40 for Board of M. T. Yates, the Fall session of 1841, also to pay $15,50 for tuition of ——— Honeycut, a Benificiary of this body for the Fall session of 1841. in the English Department.

Resolved, That $200 be appropriated from the Home Mission, to the Foreign Mission Fund, as directed at the last session of the Convention. Further resolved, That the balance of the Home Mission Fund be divided pro ratia, amongst the Missionaries, with an assurance that they shall be paid in full out of the first monies that may come to hand

The committee to nominate ten persons from whom the Trustees of Wake Forest College, may fill vacancies in their Board, reported, report received, and committee discharged.

Appointed the following standing committees to report to the next session of the convention.

On Home Missions, W. H. Jordan, S. Wait, and W. A. Atkinson.

On Foreign Missions, S. J. Wheeler, Dr. G. C. Moore, and G. M. Thompson.

On Education, J. B. White, D. S. Williams, and David Harrell.

On Sabbath Schools, J. L. Pritchard, Geo. M. Jones, and J. P. Robertson.

On Publications, J. J. Finch, N. A. Purify and R. M'Nabb.

On Periodicals, T. B. Barnett, W. Jones, and R. D. Bumpas.

The committee on Tracts, and the A. B. Publication, and S. S. Society, reported, report received, and committee discharged.

Resolved, That we view the organization of the Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, as an institution, eminently designed to promote the cause of our Redeemer, and the interest of the Baptist denomination; and that we recommend our Ministers, and Churches to extend their aid in the support of this Society, by procuring Tracts, Theological and Sunday School Books from the general Depository in Phila delphia. Application should be made to B. R. Loxley, No. 21, south Fourth street Philadelphia, as general agent.

Resolved, That this Convention, approbate the p an suggested by many brethren of preparing a denominational Hymn Book, by the American Baptist Publication and S. S. Society.

Resolved, That our agent, and Missionaries, if any should be appointed, be requested to ascertain as far as practicable, how many Baptist associations there are in the State, how many Ministers, and Churches, and their Post Offices; and how many members have been baptized during the year 1841, and to forward the same, to Dr. S. J. Wheeler, Post Master, at Murfeesboro, N. C.

Resolved, That the reports on Home and Foreign Missions, be appended to the minutes and that all others be laid on the table.

The committee on the agency reported, that they deemed it highly important, that an agent should be employed for the Convention, and recommended A. J. Battle, as a suitable person for an agent.

Resolved, That A. J. Battle, be appointed agent for the Convention, for the next twelve months.

Appointed J. B. White, R. T. Sanders, and Daniel Du Pree, a committee to procure an agent in case A. J. Battle, should decline accepting

Appointed, [illegible] a committee to prepare an address to our denomination, urging and persuading them to more active exertions in sustaining the objects of the Convention, and that the address be published in the Recorder, and in these minutes.

Resolved, That we accept with thankfulness, the generous offer of D. S. Williams, G. M. Thompson, J. Dennis, G. W. Purify, R. M'Nabb, R. Jacks, and Barton Robey, to render gratuitous missionary service of from one to two months in different parts of the State during the ensuing year.

Adjourned 'till Tuesday Morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by R. M'Nabb.

Tuesday Morning.

Convention met at 8 o'clock. Prayer by W. A. Atkinson.

Resolved, That our agent be allowed five hundred Dollars, as compensation for his services.

Resolved, That M. T. Yates, be continued as a Beneficiary of the Convention, for the next year, to remain at Wake Forest College.

Whereas, upon a free consultation among the Delegates, and members of Johnson Liberty, they have agreed to relinquish their claim on the Convention, for its next session to be held with them, upon condition, that whenever they ask for the Convention, after the year 1843, it is to be given them; therefore, Resolved, That the next session be held with the Meherrin Church, near Murfreesboro, Hertford county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1842.

Appointed Dr. S. J. Wheeler, B. Robey, and Geo. W. Purify, a committee on the statisics of our denomination in this State, to report to the next session.

Appointed J. J. Finch, to preach the Introductory sermon next session, and G. W. Purify, to be his alternate.

Appointed W. H. Jordan, to preach on Sabbath, in behalf of the Convention, and S. Wait, to be his alternate.

The committee to solicit funds to defray the expenses of our delegates to the Triennial Convention reported, report received, and committee discharged.

The committee on the association, to sustain a religious Periodical in the Sate reported.

Moved That the committee be continued, and that A. Dockery, T. B. Barnett, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, and A. J. Battle, be added to the Committee to report to the next session.

Moved, That a vote of thanks, be tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their hospitable entertainment of the present session.

Resolved, That 1500 copies of the minutes, be printed and distributed by the Recording Secretary.

Resolved, That a package of not less than ten copies of the minutes, be sent to each auxillary of this body.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, forward to the Treasurer of the Triennial Convention, the sum of $400.

Resolved, That the Missionaries, who have tendered their services gratuitously to the Convention, be requested to use such measures as they deem proper, to prevail on our churches, to send funds, and delegates to the next session of the Convention.

Appointed S. Wait, to prepare a respectful notice of the late J. Culpepper, sr., to be appended to these minutes.

The following brethren, in consideration of the deficiency of funds in the Home Mission Department, have loaned to the Convention the sums annexed to their names, to enable the Convention to pay to its Missionaries, all that may be due them. James Dennis, $10; Alfred Dockery, $10; R. T. Sanders, $10; W. H. Jordan, $10; Ransom Sanders, $10, T. B. Barnett, $10; Dr. G. C. Moore, $10; N. A. Purity, $5; R. D. Bumpas, $5; John Y. Wilkerson, $5; R. M'Nabb, $10; and Geo. M. Thompson, $10. The above sums to be returned to those persons, who have loaned them or their assigns, from the Home Mission Fund, at the next session of this body.

Adjourned, by appropriate addresses from W. H. Jordan, and J. J. Finch. Prayer by S. Wait. A. DOCKERY, President.

A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec. pro-tem.

Proceedings of the Board of Managers, at its meeting at Wake Forest College, June 16th, 1841.

A. Dockery, President, took the chair. Prayer by J. B. White. Members present—D. Justice, D. Thompson, T. B. Barnett, Geo. M. Thompson, J. S. Purify, and A. J. Battle.

Moved, That A. J. Battle, be excused from the committee, to appoint Missionaries, and that D. Thompson and R. T. Sanders, be added to the committee, and requested to appoint the missionaries, and appoint them to labor.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to M. D. Freeman, $40, for the board of M. T. Yates', Beneficiary for the Fall session of 1840; also to pay the Trustees of Wake Forest College, $20,50, for Tuition of M. T. Yates, Fall session of 1840, and $20,50, for do. spring session of 1841, in the classical department; also, $15,50, for tuition of —— Honeycutt', Spring Session of 1841, in the English Department.

Adjourned. Prayer by George M. Thompson.

A. DOCKERY, President.

A. J. Battle, Rec. Secretary, pro-tem.

Contributions paid to R. M'Nabb, for the Convention.

Counties	Names of Donors.	H. M.	F. M.	Ed.	Total.
Granville,	John Bullock,	3,00			3,00
"	Moses Neal,	1,25			1,25
"	Dr. Hare,	1,00			1,00
"	J. H. Norwood,	1,00			1,00
"	N. Satterwhite,	50			50
"	J. Norwood, 25, J. P. Davis, 50,	75			75
"	L. Barnett, 50, N. Norwood, 50,	1,00			1,00
"	Thos. B. Barnett.	5,00			5,00
"	J. Stovall,	1,00			1,00
"	W. Stovall, 50, F. Hester, 25,	75			75
"	J. S. Overby,	2,00			2,00
"	W. A. Moody,	1,00			1,00
"	F. Hester, jr. 25, J. F. Yancey, 50,	75			75
"	L. Pittard, 25, M. A Stovall, 50,	75			75
"	Grassy Creek Church,		3,25		3,25
"	H. Fowler, $2,00, R. Suit, $1,00	3,00			3,00
"	W. H. Jordan,	3,00			3,00
"	E. Stone,	50			50
Caswell,	Richard Ferguson,	50			50
"	Calvin Graves,	5,00			5,00
"	Thos. W. Graves,	5,00			5,00
"	Sidney Lee,	5,00			5,00
"	W. Russell,	5,00			5,00
"	Alexis Howard,	3,00			3,00
"	S. Sergeant,	5,00			5,00
Hertford,	J. L. Pritchard,	1,00			1,00
	Mrs. Hopkins, Danville Va.	50			50
Rockingham,	R. W. Lawson,	5,00			5,00
	Mrs. E. Washington Newbern.	20,00			20,00
	Bro. M'Nabb, labored 60 days.	81,25	3,25		84,50

Contributions paid to S. Sumpter, for Home Missions.

May's Chapel,	1 00
E. Fisher,	80
John Underwood,	1 00
Flat Rock Church,	2 10
Lucy Lee,	25
J. E. Lee,	25
Mary Rutherford,	25
J. Wiggins,	50
Spring Branch Church,	5 40
Taylor's Branch Church,	2 25
Hesant Union Church,	25
Rhoan, Church,	50
Bear Marsh Church,	75
Nathan T. Allen,	50
Josiah Underwood,	50
	$18 30

Brother Senter has travelled 55 days, and Baptised 5 persons.

Contributions paid to Barton Robey, for the Conventinon.

Counties.	Names of Donors	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total.
Ashe,	Henry Hardin,	50			50
"	Richard Hardin,	50			50
"	Richard Jacks,	85			85
"	Buckner Tatum,	33			33
"	South Fork Church,	1,00			1,00
"	Barzilla M'Bride,	1,50			1,50
"	Mr. Watson,	70			70
"	Mr. Testament,	50			50
"	Jonathan Jones,	50			50
"	Stephen Ross,	50			50
"	Richard Jentry,	1,00			1,00
"	Colored Woman,	12			12
"	Lewis Walton,	75			75
Jefferson C. H.	Mr. Hamilton,	1,00			1,00
"	R. Jacks,	50			50
"	Bro. Shuts,	10			10
"	Sister Shuts,	25			25
"	Bro. Deboard,	25			25
"	Mr. Baker,	50			50
"	Sister Jacks,	50			50
Grayson, Va.	Elisha Anderson.	1,00			1,00
Rye Valley,		85			85
Iredell,	Rachel Holmon,	1,00			1,00
Surry,	Nancy Spur,	1,00			1,00
"	Isaac Rights.	50			50
Caldwell,	Jesse More,	20			20
"	Daniel More,	20			20
"	Isaac Shurrill,	25			25
"	George Powell,	50			50
"	Jesse Reid,	25			25
"	Houston Holtsclaw,	25			25
"	W. Wedlock,	25			25
Davie,	W. H. Hamner,	2,00			2,00
Wilkes,	Sarah Hendron,	15			15
	Jaber Hendron,	20			20
	Ephraim Cook,	25			25
	Aurilla Cleaveland	25		25	50
	Benj. P. Martin,	50	25	25	1,00
	Mary Martin,	25		25	50
	James Martin,	1,00	50	50	2,00
	Robert Martin,		50		50
		22,70	1,25	1,25	25,20
	Bro. Robey, labored 163 days.				

Report on Contributions.

Counties.	Churches, &c.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu.	Total
Wake,	Raleigh Church,	9 00	1 00		10,00
"	Wake Forest,	7 70	4 20	18 50	30,40
"	Wake Union,	5 00		5 00	10,00
"	Wake Liberty,	14 35			14,35
"	New Salem,	5 00	5 00		10,00
"	Holly Spring,		10 00		10,00
"	Mount Moriah,	53 8	3 38	3 38	12,14
"	Rolesville,		10 00		10,00
"	Wake Cross Roads,	75	21 45		22,00
"	Raleigh Association.	6 34	6 34	6 34	19,02
"	John L. Holoman,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10,00
"	Sister Sarah D. Bentley,	5 00			5,00
Chatham,	Rock Spring, of which,				
"	Sister Manly, paid $2,00				
"	Sister Thompson, paid $2,00				
"	George Harman, paid $2,00	2 00	2 00	6 00	10,00
"	John Thompson, paid $200,				
"	Geo. W. Thompson, paid $2,00				
"	Mount Giead,	5 00	5 00		10,00
Craven,	Newbern,	17 30	6 00	5 00	28,30
Cumberland,	Friendship,	10 00			10,00
"	Fay. Female Bap. Society,	4 48	4 48	4 49	13,45
"	Cape Fear Bap. Asso.	15 00	15 00	7 17	37,17
"	John Purify,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10,00
Richmond,	Cartledge's Creek,	23 00	2 00	5 00	30,00
Johnson,	Johnson Liberty,	10 00	5 00	5 00	20,00
"	Smithfield,	28 75	4 75	6 50	40,00
Sampson,	Bulah Church,	10 00			10,00
Duplin,	Goshen Association,	20 00			20,00
Pitt,	Greenville,	5 00	5 00		10,00
	Mrs. C. Clements,		10		10
Edgcombe,	Tarborough,	10 00	5 00	5 00	20,00
Bertie,	Sandy Run,	11 25			11,25
"	Chowan Association,	18 00	18 00	18 20	54,20
Hertford,	Pleasant Grove,	10 00			10,00
Chowan,	Edenton,	5 50	7 00	7 50	20,00
Franklin,	Tar River Association,	10 00		10 00	20,00
Granville,	Hester's	6 75	6 75	6 75	20,25
"	Flat River Association,	6 66	6 67	6 67	20,00
Orange,	Bulah Association,	8 92	8 93	8 93	26,78
"	Mar's Hill,		5 00	5 50	10,00
"	Antioch,	10 00		5 00	10,00
"	Sister Graham,	5 00	5 00		10,00
Person,	Olive Branch,	8 75	12 00		20,75
Caswell,	Trinity Church,	10 00			10,00
Rowan,	Eatons,	8 00	2 00		10,00
Surry,	Barton Robey,	10 00			10,00
Ashe.	Richard Jacks,	10 00			10,00
	Epaphroditus Hightower,	20 00			20,00
	Sabbath Collection,	9 95	9 95	9 95	29,85
	Collection by R. M'Nabb,	81 25	3 25		84,50
	Do. by B. Robey,	22 70	1 25	1 25	25,20
	Do. by R. Jacks,	2 50			2,50
	Do. by S. Senter.	18 30			18,30
		519,58	208 50	157 63	885 71

Treasurer's Report.

A. J. Battle, Trea. to N. B. S. Con.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu.	Total.
To ballance on hand Oct. 5, 1840		791 37	388 08	630 73
To cash of Meherrin ch. by S. J. Wheeler,	6 50			6 50
To cash of Raleigh Asso. by J. Dennis,	3 87	3 87	3 88	11 62
To contributions to this meeting,	519 58	208 50	157 63	885 71
To cash loaned by sundry persons.	105 00			105 00
	634 95	1003,74	549 59	1639 56
Contra.				
By cash overpaid Home Mission Fund.	548 72			
By cash pd. M. D. Freeman for board of M. T. Yates, Fall session, 1840			40 00	40 00
By cash p'd. J. B. White, Tr. W. F. C. for tuition M. T. Yates & Honeycut,				97 50
By cash p'd. Barton Robey, for 162 days Missionary service.	163 00		97 50	163 00
By cash p'd R. Jacks, for 107 days Missionary service,	107 00			107 00
By cash p'd R. M'Nabb, for 60 days Missionary service,	60 00			60 00
By cash p'd M. Thompson, for 42 days Missionary service,	42 00			42 00
By cash p'd. S. Senter, for 55 days Missionary service.	55 00			55 00
By cash p'd to F. Mission Fund, by order of Convention,	200 00			200 00
By cash p'd T. Meredith, for Minutes,	16 66	16 66	16 66	50 00
By cash p'd. H. Lincoln, Trea. of Triennial Convention of U. S.		400 00		400 00
By premium on check.		4 00		4 00
Postage of letter,		25		25
	1192 38	420 93	154 16	1218,75
Ballance on hand, Oct. 18th, 1841.		582 81	395 43	420 81
Amount overpaid H. M. Fund,	557 43			

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE N. C. BIBLE SOCIETY, AT ITS FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT JOHNSON LIBERTY, JOHNSON COUNTY, Oct. 16th, 1841.

The meeting was called to order by the 1st. Vice President, W. H. Jordan, taking the Chair. Prayer by D. Harrell.

Appointed T. B. Barnett, J. Dennis, M. D. Freeman, and R. D. Bumpas, a committee on finance.

On motion, invitation was given to Auxilliary Societies, and individuals, to become members of this Society.

The following presented themselves:

Olive Branch, by R. D. Bumpas,		4 50	
Chowan As. by G. C. Moore, G. M. Thompson, D. Harrell,		12 00	
W. F. Col. B. S. by J. B. White,		30 00	
Meherrin ch. by Dr. S. Wheeler,		18 00	
Bulah Association,		1 00	
Alfred Dockery,		5 00	
J. L. Holloman, an old sub.		5 00	
S. D. Bentley, " to E. Kingsford		5 00	
Daniel Dupree,	do. do.	10 00	
C. D. Dupree,	do. do.	5 00	
R. B. Dupree,	do. do.	1 00	
C. Dupree,	do. do.	1 00	
A. F. Dupree,	do. do.	1 00	
Julia Fitts,	do. do.	25	
M. L. Finch,	old sub.	5 00	
M. Barber,	do. do.	1 00	
M. C. Barber,	do. do.	1 00	
W. Jones,	do. do.	1 00	
Lovett Spivey,	do. do.	50	
D. S. Williams,		1 00	
N. Purify,		1 00	
Sister E. F. Brooks,		1 00	
Dr. G. F. Moore,		1 00	
. P. Robertson,		50	
. Dennis,		50	
. Dennis,		50	
Dr. Montague,		25	
Sarah M'Cullers,		25	
Sister Smith,		10	
John Holt,		1 00	
. M'Nabb,		1 00	
. D. Freeman,		50	
. Fort,		1 00	
John M'Daniel,		50	
. M. Veazy,		1 00	
. A. Atkinson,		50	
. L. Atkinson,		1 77	
Norris,			
ndry persons names not known.		153 00	

W. H. & Elizabeth Jordan,	5 00
Euridice Miller,	3 00
H. Haddy of Tennessee,	2 50
R. T. Sanders,	2 00
Mrs. E. Crenshaw,	1 00
Miss A. C. Crenshaw,	1 00
Miss Eliza D. Fort,	1 00
T. B. Barnett,	1 00
E. Barnett,	1 00
Sister Julia Sanders,	1 00
Sister Elizabeth Sanders,	1 00
Sister E. Manly,	1 00
Sister L. A. Hastings,	50
Sarah M'Cullers,	50
S. D. Pate,	50
Wm. H. M'Cullers,	50
J. D. Bridges,	50
J. Boon,	1 00
W. Boon,	1 00
Jas. Dunn,	50
J. Holt,	1 00
D. Terrell,	38
Patsey Gulley,	1 00
Delia Williams,	25
C. S. Williams,	1 00
William Jones,	1 00
B. Jones,	25
UNPAID SUBSCRIBERS.	
S. H. Dunn,	1 00
R. Jacks,	1 00
G. W. Purify,	1 00
L. Purify,	1 00
J. M. Braver,	1 00
Martha Ryan,	50
Alexander D. Blackwood,	1 00
W. Perkins,	1 00
Soloman Terrill,	2 00
Jeremiah Lassiter,	25
W. Gordon,	1 00
G. W. Jones,	1 00
Lovett Spivey,	50
H. S. Williams,	1 00
B. Horton,	50
J. F. Ellington,	25

On motion, appointed T. MEREDITH, PRESIDDENT,

WM. H. JORDAN, } Vice Presidents.
SAML. WAIT, }

D. S. WILLIAMS, Cor. Secretary,
A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Secretary,
ALFRED DOCKERY, Trea.

W. H. Merritt, Ransom Sanders, C. W. Skinner, Dr. G. C. Moore, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, Jas. M'Daniel, J. J. Finch, R. M'Nabb, M. D. Freeman, T. B. Barnett, J. B. White, G. Douglass, A. Howard, G. W. Purify, J. Fooshee, Dr. W. M. Crenshaw, J. S. Williams and R. T. Sanders, the Board of Managers.

The Cor. Sec. begged to be excused for not presenting a report of the Board.

Moved, That he be excused with the request that he will present a full report from the proceedings of the A. and F. Bible Society.

Resolved, That, the Treaurer, forward the money in hand to the Treasurer of the American and Foreign Bible Society, to the next meet- of this Society.

Moved, That the minutes be printed as usual.

Adjourned. Prayer by Geo. W. Purify.

W. H. JORDAN, President pro-tem.

A. J. BATTLE, Recording Sec.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions, ask leave to report:

That, they have had the subject of H. Missions under consideration and they are led to believe it is one of immense importance. This is manifest not only from the fact, that by this department of our labor, the gospel is preached to many who would otherwise be destitute, but also from the consid ration, that the operation of Home Missions, is favorable to all the other benevolent efforts of the day.

In the opinion of your committee, if this branch of our business, be suffered to languish, all the others will suffer with it. Some of our brethren seem to confine their attention to the Foreign Mission.

The great importance of the Foreign Mission, is at once admitted. Your committee feel in its prosperity, a most lively interest. But they are satisfied that its success will be found identified with the success of Home Missions. And the same we think, may be said of each of the other objects, for the promotion of which we are laboring. That we are not mistaken in our calculation, we think will at once appear, if we appeal to facts. So far, as our own observations have extended, it has invariably appeared, that when the Home Mission has prospered, all the other benevolent institutions have prospered with it. And when the Home Mission has been on the decline, all the other departments of benevolent effort, have also declined with it.

We regard, therefore, the Home Mission, as the ground work, and support of all the other objects of benevolent effort.

And after all, your committee are wholly unable to decide upon the course that ought to be pursued. It is believed, that the Home Mission is in debt. And it is known that many of our brethren feel unwilling to increase that debt, by any additional appointments.

What then shall be done ? This question the committee are under the necessity of leaving to the decision of the Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL WAIT, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," plainly makes it the duty of christians, to aim at the universal spread of truth, and shows that their work will not be accomplished, nor their obligations cease, till the nations now sunk in darkness, shall see the light of life. That it is the purpose of God, to preach the gospel to the whole world, by the instrumentality of man, no one can doubt who is capable of interpreting the plain language of Scripture. The only point, where any difference of opinion can arise, is found in the means and the manner of laboring for the salvation of the Heathen. And hence, the opposers of Missionary operations, finding it impossible to object to the end, sought to be promoted consistently with any respect for scripture, have had recourse to the lame apology, that the *measures* employed are wrong, and unscriptural. But the duty to send the gospel to the Heathen, involves the duty to do it in some way. How then is it to be done? The gospel cannot be preached to the Heathen without preachers, and preachers cant' preach without means to subsist upon. Nor can the Bible be printed and circulated without means, and means to any thing like, a sufficient amount cannot be raised without efforts and measures, such as are employed by our Conventions, Missionary Societies, &c. If then such measures are indispensable to the attainment of the object, and in no way, infringe upon the rights or freedom of any one, where is the ground for objection to them ? and who can oppose the measures without indirectly opposing their object—the salvation of the Heathen ?

But among those who approve of the object, and the measures, there is an insensibility to the perishing condition of the Heathen, which is little less injurious than down right opposition. This insensibility, is manifested in the monthly concert of prayer, in the little that is contributed, and the little that is done to send the Bible, and the living ministry to those who are ignorant of God, and of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ. In this remark, we of course, allude to what is done in the limits of this State; and it is with a mingled feeling of regret and pleasure, that we designate all the limitations of our remark,—regret because

we are so much behind in Missionary zeal, and active benevolence at pleasure, because others are doing their duty, if we neglect ours, and a sustaining the cause of Missions, which, if dependent upon us, would la guish and die. The resources of North Carolina are great. Our chur here, is numerous, amounting, it is supposed, to the rise of thirty tho sand, and our members have enough, and to spare, after supplying the own lawful demands, to keep a full treasury for the Lord. But wh have we done—what are we doing for the Heathen? What Missionar have we raised up, educated and sent beyond the sea, to show un men benighted, the way of salvation? What laborer in the Mi sionary field, has been sustained by our contributions, and cheered by o sympathies and prayers, amid his toils and sacrifices? How many ch dren of Heathen parents have we preserved from cruelty and death, a instructed in those principles, which are able to make them arise unto s vation? What dark spot of Heathenism, have we illuminated—wh soul there has been rescued from eternal death, through our instrume tality? Something has been done, it is true,—some few hundreds dollars have been raised among us for Foreign Missions, through the i strumentality of this Convention; but a very large proportion of o members can claim no part nor lot in this matter; and there are hundre of Baptists in N. Carolina, who never have contributed one cent, to se to the Heathen! It is to these we address the above interrogations—t on these we would press the last command of our Saviour—these would ask, "How much owest thou thy Lord?"

Why, it is proper to ask, is there such insensibility among us to t condition of the Heathen? Why are so many opposing the measur which send them the gospel, while many who speak favorably of the are doing nothing for their support? One cause we think is found in t *unfaithfulness of Ministers.* They have not taught the churches th duty on this subject. They have not acquainted them with the con tion of the Heathen. They have not manifested themselves, sufficie interest in the missionary enterprize. For many have been fighting agai it, while the warmest among us have been far too cold, and inconstant promoting it. If it be "required of steward's, that a man be found fai ful," what will be done with such unfaithfulness, when the ministers North Carolina shall stand at the judgment bar? What will they s when with the churches they have led astray, or the members who ha slumbered over their duty for the want of proper instruction and exa ple, they shall stand together with those Heathen nations, from wh they have withheld the word of life? Ministers have more influen than ordinray men, and if that influence be not rightly directed, they more harm than ordinary men. If they treat the cause of missions w neglect—if they are absent from those meetings, which were organi for the special purpose of aiding the cause of missions, it reaches furt than the indifference or absence of other men. And it is just such

difference as this, that has crippled our energies, and retarded those plans which have been wisely laid for sending the gospel to the destitute.

Another cause is found in the *low tone of piety* that prevails among us. How many seem to think that the gospel requires them only to seek their own salvation? They began their spiritual course in a spirit of selfishness, and in that they have continued. But they have not been faithful even to themselves, they have not lived in an atmosphere of love, peace, and joy—they have not maintained a steady, consistent christian course. Now compare this with the tone of piety found in the New Testament. There it is "counting all things lost, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ"—"forsaking all for him"—"glorifying God, in body and spirit, which are his"—doing good unto all men, as there may be opportunity"—rejoicing in the Lord always." How far below this is the tone of piety that prevails among us? And can it be expected that a people will be concerned to give others benefits, they do not enjoy themselves—that they should be anxious to give the Bible to the Heathen, when they do not prize the Bible themselves—that they should strive to relieve the spiritual poverty of others, when mortal death reigns in their own souls? No.

Another cause of the insensibility above alluded to, is found, we fear, in the *conjectures and speculations* about the *possible* exercise of divine mercy towards the Heathen, viz: That the Heathen may be saved without the Scriptures, or the gospel—that God *can* do it without the appointed means, and as a just and benevolent Being, he *must* do it, or such and such absurd consequences will follow. Now what may possibly be done—what God can or will do, and what is consistent, or inconsistent with his attributes in matters, where he has not instructed us, it little becomes us to assert who are of yesterday, and know nothing. The question is not what God can do, or what he may possibly do, but what he has *directed* as *our* duty—what part he requires us to perform for the salvation of the Heathen. Without presuming to be wise, above what is written, we feel authorized to say that God's *revealed* method of saving sinners, is by means of the gospel; this is employed more or less, in every known case of conversion; and that the scriptures do not warrant the expectation that the Heathen can be saved in entire ignorance of Revelation, or of the gospel of Christ. In the 10th chapter to the Romans, the apostle certainly does teach the indispensableness of the gospel to the salvation of the Heathen. To show the absurdity of the contrary sentiment, he adopted the interrogative, instead of the affirmative form of address; but it was no doubt intended as the strongest kind of affirmation. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him, of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Here is a chain of dependent causes, making the last

essential to the first. According to the view here taken, calling upon the Lord, is essential to salvation; but a person must believe in him before he can call upon him; and he must hear of him, before he can believe in him; and one must be sent to preach to him Jesus, before he can believe in him: ergo, unless the gospel is sent to the Heathen, they cannot be saved. As this conclusion necessarily results from the reasoning of the Apostle, it is impossible to resist it, without rejecting his authority as an inspired teacher.

Until the days of Judson and Rice, the Baptists of America had done comparatively nothing for Heathen nations. Here and there perhaps an individual may have been found who felt concerned for the millions sitting in the region and shadow of death, and a few local societies were doing something for their relief. But there was no regular or extended system of operations, and no foreign field of labor under the care and patronage of American Baptists. The change of sentiment which took place in Messrs. Judson and Rice, on their passage to Burmah, must be acknowledged as the first in that series of causes which has awakened the missionary spirit in our denomination in the U. S., and which has brought into existence, a system of operations which is regularly bearing to the perishing Heathen, the news of salvation. the success which has attended these measures in the past, is sufficient to inspire the highest hope for the future. And that you may form some idea of what has been done, the following particulars are presented, drawn from the latest accounts, which will show the present condition of our Foreign Missions and their claims upon our liberality:

"The number of		Indian Missions is	8
do	do	do Stations and out Stations in do.,	14
do	do	do Missionaries and assistants, &c.	28
do	do	do Native assistants,	11
do	do	do Churches,	12
do	do	do Baptisms the last year,	182
do	do	do Present number of Church members,	800
do	do	do Schools,	6
do	do	do Scholars,	159
The number of		European Missions,	3
do	do	do Stations and out Stations,	21
do	do	do Missionaries and Assistants in do.	7
do	do	do Native preachers and assistants,	19
do	do	do Churches,	25
do	do	do Baptisms the past year,	90
do	do	do Church members,	114

In the mission to West Africa, there are three stations, six missionaries and assistants, one native assistant, one church of 15 members, and three schools, containing 78 scholars.

The number of	Asiatic Missions is		8
do	do	do Stations and out stations,	41
do	do	do Missionaries and assistants,	56
do	do	do do Native assistants,	71
do	do	do Churches,	30
do	do	do Baptisms the past year,	214
do	do	do Church members,	1600
do	do	do Schools,	35
do	do	do Scholars,	635

Making a total of 20 missions, 80 stations, and out stations, 97 missions and assistants, 68 churches, 487 baptisms the past year, more than 2900 members of mission churches, 44 schools, and 872 scholars. About 13,350,000 pages of the scriptures and tracts, have been printed during the year, (1840,) Maulmain, Tavoy, and Bankok.

The receipts of the Board for the past year, exclusive of appropriations from other institutions, and of loans, were	$56 948 42
And the expenditures for the same period,	61 860 27
Excess of expenditures above the receipts,	4 911 85
Appropriations from other institutions,	24 100 00

In view of the deficiency of the receipts, the Board to avoid a burdensome debt, adopted a system of limitations, which was to go into effect, 1st of April, 1840. The effect of this upon our missionaries, may be seen in the following extracts: "Mr. Wall of the Tavoy Mission, says," I fear we shall not be able to have any schools the next rains, unless we overrun the sum appropriated to this mission." Mr. Brayton, at another station of the same mission, writes," shall I suspend all operations at once, and send my little band of scholars back to the jungle, *disappointed, cast down, and dismayed?* This is indeed a trying question. I am quite sure, if our American churches, knew the importance of sustaining these schools and native assistants, there would be no want of *funds.*"

"From Siam, July 24, the missionaries write to the Board—" Two days since, we received yours of March 7, 1840, and last evening we spent in spreading out the case before the throne of Heaven. We are aware that the Board are very seriously embarrassed—that many pious liberal hearts in our native land are deeply pained, on account of this embarrassment—and that the threatened overthrow of all our missionary associations would be a most insupportable certainty. Yet we see not how it is possible to relinquish any of our permanent arrangements with-

out a most serious if not fatal wound to the mission. With a confident hope that our dear brethren in Christ, on being informed of our circumstances, and the threatened ruin of our hopes and labors, and plans, will not only help the Board to sustain our present doings, but enable them to send the men, and means, for a great enlargement, we are resolved to pray to the only God of Missions, where the money and men are, to send us speedily, the needed aid." Brethren, shall it be, that this confidence shall prove to have been misplaced—shall the hopes of our anxious missionaries be disappointed—and shall they be compelled to abandon many of their useful plans, for the want of means? Christian charity answers No—our resources answer No—and the love of Christ should constrain us to answer No.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINCH, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA;

HELD AT

MEHERRIN CHURCH, HERTFORD CO., N. C.,

October 14--18, 1842.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1842.

The Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, with a tolerable congregation from the neighborhood, assembled to-day in the Meherrin Church near Murfreesborough, and at 11 o'clock, A. M., the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Josiah J. Finch, from Matthew 13: 31—33 inclusive.

After a short recess the Convention was called to order by the first Vice President, Rev. T. Meredith. (A. Dockery, the President, being absent.) and the throne of grace was addressed by Rev. Wm. P. Biddle.

G. M Thompson, G. C. Moore, S. J. Wheeler, C. Lillybridge, and T. B. Barnett, were appointed to supply the pulpit with preachers during the session of the Convention.

Churches, Societies, &c. were then called upon, for enrolment, when the following delegation was reported:

COUNTIES	*Churches and Societies*	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICE
Wake	Wake Forest College	J. B. White	Forestville
		E. W. West	
		T. Meredith	
	Cross Roads	L. H. Hause	Rogers' ⋈ Roads
	Raleigh	Lewis Du Pre	Raleigh.
	Raleigh Association	Dr. S. J. Wheeler	
	Wake Union	J. S. Purify	Forestville
		Wm. P. Terrill	
Craven	Newbern	J. J. Finch	
		Wm. H. Cross	
		W. P. Allen	
		J. C. Stevenson	Newbern
	South West	Wm. P. Biddle	Core Creek
Richmond	Carthledge's Creek	A. Dockery	Dockery's Store
Johnston	Johnston Liberty	David Thompson	Smithfield
Sampson	Goshen Association	George Finnel	Faison's Depot
Edgecomb	Tarborough	Peter P. Lawrence	Tarborough.
Bertie	Bertie U. Meeting	Thomas Gilliam	Windsor.
	Cashie Church	Jno. S. Tayloe	"
	Sandy Run	A. M. Craig	Britton's Store
	Connaritsa	W. W. Mitchell	
	Colerain	Jno. Nawell	Colerain
Hertford	Pleasant Grove	Dr. G. C. Moore	Murfreesborough.
	Meherrin	G. W. Thompson	"
	Mount Tabor	D. Gatlin	"
	Murfreesborough	A. A. Connella	"
	Buckhorn	E. Howell	South Quay

Counties.	Churches and Societies.	Delegates.	Postoffice.
Chowan	Chowan Association	Dr. C. Lillybridge	Elizabeth City.
	Edenton	Thomas Waff	Edenton
Granville	Flat river Association.	Wm. H. Jordan	Williamsboro'
		T. B. Barnett	
		R. M. McNabb	
Perquimans	Bethel	C. W. Skinner	Hertford.
Anson	Pedee Association		Wadesborough.
Northampton	Smith's Church	Wm. H. Hardie	Jackson.
Henderson	Boiling Spring	T. Stradly	Flat Rock.
Davidson	Liberty Association	Wm. Turner	
Halifax	Conocanary	Jesse Powell	Halifax.
Orange	Sandy Creek Associa'n	G. W. Purify	
		T. D. Oldham	
		J. White	
		C. Crutchfield	
New Hanover	Wilmington*	A. J. Battle	Wilmington.

*Others have been added since, which may be found in the report on contributions.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

PRESIDENT,	T. MEREDITH.
1st VICE PRESIDENT,	A. DOCKERY.
2nd VICE PRESIDENT,	S. WAIT.
3rd VICE PRESIDENT,	C. W. SKINNER.
COR. SECRETARY,	WM. H. JORDAN
REC. SECRETARY,	J. J. FINCH.
TREASURER,	J. S. PURIFY.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Thomas Crocker, J. B. White, W. T. Brooks, W. A. Atkinson, R. M. McNabb, David Justice, William Jones, T. B. Barnett, William Parham, William Russell, George W. Thompson, George W. Jones, R. D. Bumpass, George M. Thompson, Wm. M. Crenshaw, S. J. Wheeler, G. C. Moore, James Dennis.

S. Wait, T. B. Barnett and R. M. McNabb were appointed to nominate a Board of Managers. [This committee, at a subsequent period, reported the names given above, which it was thought best to insert in connexion with the other officers.]

Brethren Tayloe, Gilliam and Skinner were appointed to audit the account of the late Treasurer.

A letter of correspondence was received from the S. C. Baptist State Convention, which was read and referred to Cor. Secretary, for him to answer.

On motion, visiting brethren in the ministry were invited to take seats with us, which was accepted by James Delk, N. M. Havens, Joseph Barkly and E. Kingsford.

Rev. E. Kingsford arose and stated that he appeared among us as the representative of the American and Foreign Bible Society; to which the President responded, and in behalf of the Convention ex-

tended the hand of christian fellowship, in token of his cordial welcome among us, and of the interest we feel in the society which he represents.

S. Wait, R. M. McNabb and A. A Connalla, were appointed to nominate 40 persons, out of whom 20 may be selected as Trustees for Wake Forest College.

S. J. Wheeler and T. Waff were appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a N. C. Baptist Historical Society.

Wm. P. Biddle and Geo. M. Thompson were appointed on the Agency.

T. Meredith, S. Wait, R. McNabb, J. J. Finch, L. Du Pre and A. Dockery were appointed to represent this body in the next Baptist State Convention of South Carolina.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by S. Wait.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT 15.

Convention met, and was opened with devotional exercises by J. J. Finch.

A letter was received from the Home Mission Society, proposing to appropriate $250 to the benefit of the Raleigh church, to aid them in securing the pastoral services of Rev. Lewis Du Pre for one year, provided the appropriation should be approved by the Convention. The letter was referred to a committee consisting of Wm. H. Jordan and J. J. Finch.

On motion it was agreed, that the whole amount of funds sent from the Sandy Creek Association to this Convention, "to be appropriated as the Convention may think proper, shall be applied to the Home Mission department.

Committees were then called on to report.

The report on Foreign Missions, after being partly read, was laid on the table, to be taken up when more spectators are in attendance.

The committee on the Agency reported that it was expedient that we have an Agent, and recommend Rev. James Delk for that office. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. The same committee was continued, and brethren S. Wait, C. Lillybridge and Jno. S. Tayloe were added to it, who are instructed to direct and superintend the agency.

The committee on Periodicals reported, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion, brethren Finch, Barnett and Moore were appointed a committee to confer with Rev. T. Meredith upon the expediency and probability of publishing a weekly paper.

R. McNabb introduced a preamble and resolutions for raising funds in future to aid the objects of the Convention, which were laid on the table for further consideration.

The Standing committee on Education were called on to report, and on motion, it was agreed, that, in connexion with it, the claims of Wake Forest college be considered. The report was then

read distinctly to a crowded house, by Prof. White, of Wake Forest college. E. Kingsford, Agent of the A. & F. Bible Society moved the acceptance of the report, and followed his motion with a stirring appeal in behalf of education. President Wait seconded the motion of acceptance, and gave some affecting and yet encouraging disclosures respecting the state of education in North Carolina generally, and the present condition and prospects of Wake Forest college in particular. Dr. C. Lillybridge and J. J. Finch participated in the discussion, which, being concluded, the report was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Cards were then circulated to obtain subscriptions for the benefit of Wake Forest college.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for twenty minutes.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Convention resumed its business.

The report on Foreign missions was called up, and, after several animated addresses from brethren Kingsford, Delk, Lillybridge and others, was adopted and ordered to be printed with minutes.

On motion, it was agreed that the committee to supply the pulpit be instructed to select three speakers to make addresses to morrow in connexion with the missionary sermon, with a view of furnishing information respecting the progress of missions, and of awakening an interest in the present jubilee occasion.

On motion, it was agreed, that the Convention give place to the Bible Society on Monday morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by E. Kingsford.

SABBATH, OCTOBER 16.

A large congregation assembled at the stand, and were addressed first, by Rev. T. Meredith from Joshua 24: 15. Rev. Wm. H. Jordan followed, and preached the missionary sermon, from Isaiah 62; 6 7. At the close of which, J. J. Finch, E Kingsford, and S. Wait, addressed the congregation about ten minutes each, on the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the providence and grace of God, which have been so eminently displayed in behalf of the Baptist mission, from its first formation, in 1792, to the present time, demand of us, as individuals and as a Convention, an expression of devout and unfeigned gratitude.

Resolved, That as the Baptist denomination was the first honored instrument in the hand of God, in awakening the slumbering energies of the church, and of directing it to benevolent action; and as it has been permitted to take the lead in the all important task of translating the sacred scriptures into heathen languages, it is imperatively bound to maintain its commanding position, and LEAD on to final conquest and victory the consecrated armies of God's elect.

Resolved, That the motto of the devoted and venerated Carey—"Attempt great things FOR God, and expect great things FROM God"—is hereby adopted by this Convention: and we do now solemnly pledge ourselves before God and this congregation, that, by the aid of Divine grace, we will henceforth endeavour to be governed by its sacred principles.

At the close of the addresses the President put the question to the assembly upon the resolutions, separately, when they were carried by warm and unanimous responses.

A collection was then taken up to aid the objects of the Convention, which closed the morning service.

After an hour's recess, to take refreshments, etc., the congregation were again addressed by Rev. E. Kingsford, from Acts 8: 8. Thus closed the services of this delightful Sabbath. They were instructive and animated, and were attentively listened to by a large and intelligent audience. May the principles here advocated, the feelings here excited, continue to extend their influence, till the whole world shall be filled with the knowledge and love of God.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 17.

The Convention met: brother Wiff ed in prayer. The committee appointed to take into consideration the proposition of the Home Mission Society, to aid the Raleigh church in securing the services of brother Du Pre, reported their approbation of the measure, which was received and unanimously concurred in by the Convention.

On motion it was agreed that the appropriation for the Home Mission Society to the benefit of the Raleigh church, commence from the first of last September.

The committee appointed to confer with Rev. T. Meredith respecting the publication of a weekly paper, reported that it is the intention of brother Meredith to revive the Recorder and Watchman the first of January next.

The report on periodicals was then called up and adopted.

The chairman of the committee on publications made a verbal report, which was received, with instructions that it be written out for publication with the minutes.

The committee on finance reported and were discharged.*

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay out the funds in hand to claimants against that department, pro rata.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay out the funds now in hand for Foreign missions to Rev. E. Kingsford, to be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board at Boston.

J. B. White, J. S. Purify, and L. Du Pre, were appointed to inquire into the grounds of the indebtedness of the Home Mission to

*The Recording Secretary was not in his office when this committee was appointed, and not finding their names on the minutes previously taken, he is unable to say who they were.

the Foreign Mission Fund, and report to the Board of Managers at their meeting in June next.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay to brother Stradly the amount due him, as soon as ascertained.

S. Wait G. M Thompson and C. Lillybridge, were appointed to examine the minutes of the South Carolina Convention, to see if they contain any thing claiming the attention of this body.

The committee on Statistics reported; report received and directed to be published.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay $65 to the publisher of the minutes of last Convention.

The committee on the expediency of establishing a North Carolina Baptist Historical Society, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That a committee of four from different sections of the state, be appointed to collect a file of all the minutes of each Association in North Carolina, and other historical data, which shall be placed in the hand of some individual for safe keeping, subject to the direction of the Convention.

Resolved, 2. That Rev. Wm. P. Biddle be requested to deliver a historical address during Saturday of next Convention.

E. Kingsford, J J. Finch and Wm. P. Biddle were appointed to propose subjects on which standing committees shall be appointed for next year.

Biddle, McNabb and Thompson, were appointed to report on the expediency of appointing Home Missions.

On motion it was agreed that the Convention now give place to the Bible Society.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

Dr. S J. Wheeler, Wm H. Jordan, J. L Pritchard, J. J. Finch and —— Palmer, were appointed to represent this Convention in the next General Association of Virginia, with instructions that in case any of those appointed should fail to attend, the vacancy may be supplied with any other brethren in attendance from this State.

Rev. Wm. P. Biddle brought to the notice of the Convention, the bequest of Miss Clara Tillman, amounting to one hundred dollars, which she left for the Convention, to apply to the religious instruction of the people residing on Bay river, Craven county, N. C. J. J Finch, Wm. P. Biddle and J. C. Stevenson, were appointed agents of the Convention, to receive the funds and apply them according to the instructions of the donor.

The committee on the agency reported, and were discharged.

Resolved, That James Delk be appointed agent of this Convention for the ensuing year, and that he receive as compensation at the rate of $300 per annum for the time he serves *

Resolved, That brother Yates be continued as a beneficiary of this Convention at Wake Forest College the ensuing year.

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*Mr. Delk at first consented, but has since declined to act as agent.

The committee on the expediency of appointing missionaries to travel for the Convention the ensuing year, reported and were discharged. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That we employ three missionaries to travel and preach four months each, and that the compensation of married men be $20 per month, and that of unmarried men $15.

Appointed S. J. Wheeler, G. C. Moore and G. M. Thompson to select missionaries, point out their fields of labour, etc.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 18.

Convention met. Prayer by Dr. Lillybridge.

The committee to report subjects for Standing Committees, reported and were discharged.

Whereas the Baptist Church in Raleigh is under mortgage for the balance due for its erection, *therefore*, *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention, the Baptists throughout the State should make an immediate and vigorous effort to secure the above place of worship to the Baptist denomination.

The committee to nominate forty persons out of whom twenty may be selected Trustees of Wake Forest College, reported; report concurred in, and the committee discharged.

The committee on the minutes of South Carolina Baptist State Convention reported: That having learned that our delegation to the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, which convened at Society Hill, proposed certain arrangements designed for the promotion of the best interests of Wake Forest College, and the Furman Theological Institution; and having seen from their minutes that the brethren in South Carolina acceded promptly to the proposition made, *Resolved*, *unanimously*, That this body cordially approve of the arrangement, and hereby assure their brethren in South Carolina, that it will afford them much pleasure to co-operate with them in this great and good design.

The committee to nominate missionaries for the Convention, reported progress, and were continued as the agents of the Convention over this department the ensuing year.

The resolutions of R. McNabb, proposing a plan for raising funds for the Convention in future, were called up; and after free discussion, and various amendments the following received the vote of the Convention: *Resolved*, That we recommend to our churches and congregations to adopt the plan of contributing *one cent* or *more* a week *per member*, for religious purposes.

[It is proper to add in explanation of the above, that it was the prevailing opinion of the Convention that the funds now needed for benevolent purposes, would be greatly increased if we contributed more upon system, and such an one as would give all an opportunity to contribute something. Hence they recommended the *cent a week* plan, which allows the poor to give their mite, while it places no re-

striction upon those who can give more abundantly. It was further thought better that what is raised should be contributed through the churches and associations, than to form separate societies, inasmuch as churches are, properly speaking, *Missionary Societies* But still the resolution of the Convention only recommends to our congregations the plan of contributing a cent a week per member, while it leaves each congregation to adopt its own system in doing this]

On motion, the Committee on Instruction were directed to call the attention of our agents and missionaries to the above plan for raising funds, in order to secure its general adoption by our churches.

A letter from G. W. Purify was read, calling the attention of the Convention to some funds left by S. Justice to the Foreign Mission. G. W. Purify, Wm. H. Jordan and T. B. Barnett, were appointed to examine the will, and give more specific instructions respecting it to the next Convention.

S. Wait, J. B. White and T. B Barnett were appointed to see that the Treasurer elect complies with the condition required, in giving bond, etc.

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention be held at Boiling Spring Camp Ground Henderson county, to commence on Friday before the third Lord's day in October 1843.

R. McNabb was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. L. Du Pre alternate.

S. Wait was appointed to preach a sermon before the Convention during Saturday of next session. T. Meredith was appointed to preach the missionary sermon on Sabbath. J. J. Finch alternate.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO THE NEXT CONVENTION.*

On Foreign Missions—J. J. Finch, Wm. P. Biddle, T. Waff.

On Home Missions—J. B. White, J. S. Tadlock, Thomas Gillam.

On Education—Wm. H Jordan, T. B. Barnett, G. W. Purify.

On Sabbath Schools—G. M. Thompson, J. S. Purify, Wm. H. Cross.

On Publications—Dr. C. Lillybridge, Dr. G. C. Moore, John Nowell.

On Tracts—L. Du Pre, A. A. Connella, L. House.

State of Religion—J. McDaniel, Hardie, Crutchfield.

Stastistics—Dr. S. J. Wheeler, R. McNabb, N. A. Porify.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

Resolved, That the author be requested to furnish a copy of the sermon preached at the opening of the present session, for publication in the first number of the Recorder and Watchman.

Resolved, That this Convention cherish a grateful sense of the hospitality and kindness received from the citizens of Murfreesboro and vicinity during its session.

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* The first name on each committee is the chairman.

Resolved, That it is the special request of this Convention, that the Chairman of each of the Standing Committees prepare a *written* report for the next Convention, and in case he cannot attend personally, to send it through some other hand.

On motion, it was agreed that we now adjourn to meet on Friday before third Lord's day in October, 1843, at Boiling Spring Camp Ground, Henderson county, N. C. Brethren Watt, Jordan, Biddle and the President, then made some affecting and animated addresses, at the close of which the President led in prayer, giving thanks for the peace and harmony of the session, and invoking the divine blessing upon its deliberations.

T. MEREDITH, *President.*

J. J. FINCH, *Secretary.*

Report on Contributions.

Counties.	Churches, &c.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu	Total
Wake,	Wake Forest,	4 00	12 35	23 75	40 10
"	Wake Roads,		11 00		11 00
"	Wake Union,			10 00	10 00
"	Wm. P. Terrell,			2 00	2 00
"	Hepsibah,	5 00	5 00		10 00
"	Raleigh,	8 00	2 00		10 00
"	Raleigh Association,	16 58			16 58
"	Mt. Moriah,	6 50			6 50
"	N. A. Purify,			5 00	5 00
"	Wake Liberty,	7 80			7 80
Craven,	Newbern,	14 00	15 30	14 00	43 30
	Samuel S. Biddle,	10 00			10 00
	Wm. P. Biddie,	10 00			10 00
Richmond,	Cartledge's Creek,	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Johnson,	Johnson Liberty,	10 00			10 00
Duplin,	Goshen Association,	10 12			10 12
Eugecombe,	P. P. Lawrence,	10 00			10 00
Bertie,	Bertie Union Meeting,	10 00		5 00	15 00
"	Cashie,	6 00		6 00	12 00
"	Chowan Association,	13 33			13 33
"	Conaritsa,		10 00		10 00
"	Colerain,	5 00	5 00		10 00
"	Sandy Run,	4 00	4 00	4 12	12 12
Hertford,	Pleasant Grove,			10 00	10 00
	Meherin,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	Mt. Tabor,	10 00		4 10	14 10
	Buck Horn,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	Murfreesboro' F. M. Society,		10 00		10 00
Chowan,	Edenton,	5 00	2 00	3 00	10 00
	Mrs Rebecca Blunt,	10 00			10 00
Granville,	Flat River Association,	12 00	12 00	14 00	38 00
Perquimons,	Bethel,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Anson,	Pee Dee Association,	5 00	5 00	4 12	14 12
Henderson,	Boiling Spring B. M. Soc. ($20 of this to print the Burman Bible,)		28 00		28 00
North Hampton,	—— Smith's,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	Liberty Association,	17 00			17 00
Halifax,	Conicanary,	4 25	4 00	1 00	9 25
Orange,	Sandy Creek Association,	54 26		20 00	74 26
	James Dolk,		1 05		1 05
	Collection on Sabbath,	10 78	10 78	10 78	32 34
New Hanover,	Wilmington,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Chatham,	F. M. Soc. at Mary's Chapel,	3 00	3 00	4 00	10 00
Caswell,	J. Y. Wilkerson,			5 00	5 00
Wilkes,	James M. Parks,	1 00			1 00
	Amelia Cleveland,	1 00			1 00
	Emeline M. Shuford,	1 00			1 00
	James Martin,	1 00			1 00
		316 62	155 48	165 87	636 97

Treasurer's Report.

JAS. S. PURIFY, TREA. TO N. B. S. CONV.	H. M.	F. M	EDU	TAL
To amount contributions to N. B. S. Con.	316 62	155 48	165 87	636 97
CREDIT.				
By cash paid for printing Minutes,	21 68	21 66	21 66	65 00
By cash paid to those who loaned the Convention sundry sums at last session,*				
To Dr. More,	10 00			10 00
" Geo. M. Thompson,	10 00			10 00
" A. Dickery,	10 00			10 00
" R. McNabb,	10 00			10 00
" Wm. H Jordan,	10 00			10 00
" T. B. Barnet,	10 00			10 00
" N A. Purify,	5 00			5 00
" R T. Sanders,	10 00			10 00
" James Dennis,	10 00			10 00
" J. Y. Wilkerson,	5 00			5 00
By cash paid Edward Kinsford, to be deposited with the Board of Foreign Missions,		125 82		125 82
By cash paid J. L. Terrell, for board of J. H. Hunnicath,			40 00	40 00
By cash paid W. T. Brooks, for board of M. T. Yates,			107 80	107 80
	111 68	147 48	169 46	427 82
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	204 94	8 00		232 94
Amount overpaid by the Trea. Edu Fund,			3 59	
The Education Depart. is in debt, $54 59.				

JAMES S. PURIFY, TREASURER.

*R. Sanders $10. R. D. Bumpas $5, to be yet paid.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals, beg leave to submit the following report:

Of the importance and value of religious periodicals, your Committee consider it unnecessary to speak. This point is now generally understood, though not to so great extent as is desirable. In addition to the general importance of religious periodicals as a means of diffusing information and imparting intelligence, the special importance of a religious paper among ourselves, to advocate and sustain our local interests, and as a medium of information and intercourse for our denomination, is sensibly felt, and the temporary suspension of the Recorder and Watchman increases the conviction of the great, we might almost say the indispensable importance of such a means of support and prosperity of the general interest of religion among us.—With this conviction we rejoice in the prospect of the revival of the Recorder, which has been suspended for a time, and which was succeeded by the Christian Repository. We believe that the denomination through the State should feel a spirit of congratulation in prospect of this event, and that they should spare no pains to bring it about. Your Committee, deeming it unnecessary to indulge in any protracted remarks upon the general importance of religious periodicals, or the special importance of sustaining one among ourselves, beg leave, in conclusion, to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we believe that it is highly important to the interest of religion among us, and to our operations as a denomination, that a religious periodical should be sustained among us.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prospect of the revival of the Recorder, under the management of our esteemed brother Thomas Meredith.

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren and friends, united and active effort in bringing this paper again into existence, and in obtaining for it an extensive circulation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS B. BARNETT, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee think the subject of Education has not received that attention in your deliberations, which its importance demands. So far as they recollect, it has not, for some years past, occupied for scarcely a moment a place in your public deliberations. And why is it so? We have not sufficiently informed ourselves upon the subject. Its importance has not been duly considered. In our deliberations, too, we seek too much for topics that will produce animated discussion and sensible effect. We are too anxious to reap speedily the results of our own labor. We walk by *sight* and not by *faith*. Should we not rather sow, that others may reap, and labor, that others may enter into our labors? In regard to the harvest to be reaped, the object to be gained by our benevolent efforts, all are agreed. It is to convey the Gospel and its blessings to a fallen and ruined world, to raise man from the degrading influence and misery of sin, to the enjoyments of all that is pure and ennobling in this life, and to glory and immortality in the world to come.

And what have we done in furtherance of this object, what for the spread of

the gospel abroad, and for its success at home? Only twenty eight of our 421 churches supposed to be favorable to missionary operations, were represented in this body last year, and these contributed, on an average, only $16 each. Three missionaries who travelled last year about 367 days, received in contributions at the rate of only about thirteen cents a day. Our 24180 church members raised last year $893,93 which is not an average of four cents per member Is it proper to *provoke* one another to exertion? Your Committee notice that the churches in a sister state, with about our number of members, have averaged, for the last five months, in their monthly contributions for a single object, nearly as much as we contributed last year for our *th ee*. Ought it to be said that it takes us twelve years to do what our brethren elsewhere do in as many months?

But why do we do so little? Laymen answer, we need more laborers, a more faithful and efficient ministry. The ministry do not deny this, but reply that the fault is chiefly in the churches. They need more piety and intelligence. Our members need to be instructed in their duty. They need more the spirit of benevolence and good will which actuated our Saviour. Both replies are correct. There must be a great improvement both in our ministry and churches, or we may be assured that what we now seem to have will be taken away.

But our condition may be viewed in another light. By reference to the last census it will be seen that of the 209 685, the number of our white population over twenty years of age, there are 56,609 who cannot read and write. A little calculation will show any one, that probably one third of our population over fifteen years of age is in a like condition. As we have but few members in our churches under this age, we know at once what must be their general character. And as the churches are, so will be the ministry. Indeed the latter must come from the former. The general character of the ministry will not be much in advance of the churches. And when we recollect that till within a few years we have had no Institution in the State to which those who had the ministry in view could resort, it is not surprising that the churches should urge our brethren into the ministry without the advantage of an education.

Under all these disadvantages, however, a few noble spirits have been raised up, and with the blessing of God have done much. We are not however to improve our course for the future by mourning over the past, but by looking forward, and the course before us appears to be plain. We must labor to benefit our children, and our children's children. The young must be educated. Our brethren must be impressed with the importance of educating their children, and with the duty of providing Institutions suitable for accomplishing this object. We must labor that those who shall occupy our places fifty or an hundred years hence, may possess advantages and have materials that we are deprived of. If our churches are ever brought to do any thing worthy of the name of christian effort and christian benevolence, it must be accomplished by diffusing more generally among our people the means of education.

Your Committee remark, then, that our Free Schools should receive the special attention of ministering brethren. These schools are just going into operation. We are unaccustomed to them. They are in their infancy. The system itself is undoubtedly imperfect, and for this reason requires attention. If

its effects be observed and pointed out, they will soon be remedied. In our denomination, no person will be found to attend to this, unless our ministering brethren do it. And they should make it a point of duty to do so. They should become the guardians of these schools. They should visit every one in their respective section or in any way connected with their churches. Teachers need encouragement. It will give them great pleasure to see that there is some one at least who sympathises with them, and who appreciates, in some degree, the importance of the services they are rendering to community. The pupils can also be conversed with and encouraged in habits of virtue. It should never be forgotten, that in a few years they will make the community. From these, too, will be formed the churches and the ministry.

Your Committee again remark, if the course recommended be pursued, it will have an important influence in raising up an efficient ministry. It will lead us to observe more conscientiously the command to pray for more laborers. When interested in the education of the young, we shall feel the force of the command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more laborers into his harvest." When we recollect these are soon to fill our places in society and in the church, shall we not feel moved to offer this prayer in great sincerity? When we find one here and another there possessing talents and promising usefulness, shall we not feel an earnestness never before realized? Such will be taken in the arms of our affection and carried to the Saviour to be blessed. If faithful to our duty, we may expect that God in his Providence will prepare them for the church. Have we not sufficiently long raised in vain the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us" The time has come when we must help ourselves. If we have an efficient ministry we must raise them up ourselves. We must look among our churches and find those that appear to be filled with the spirit of God, and do what we can to bring them forward and prepare them for usefulness.

It gives your Committee pleasure to refer, in this place, to Wake Forest College. This Institution, which was commenced under your patronage, is already exerting a very favorable influence on our denomination. It has had its influence in calling attention to the subject of education. It has awakened to a considerable degree, an interest on this subject among our churches. It has already supplied many teachers for our primary schools and Seminaries. These are beginning to exert a favourable influence on the community.

It gives us the most pleasure, however, in contemplating this Institution as a place to which those can resort who have the ministry in view. It affords an opportunity to obtain a substantial Collegiate education, and also much Theological Instruction that will be useful to a minister of the Gospel. In this respect, our churches are also reaping the fruits of our labor. Though just begun, we have sufficient to encourage us onward. In building up this institution we have undertaken a noble and arduous work. It will call for sacrifice and exertion. United, however, we can carry it onward and ultimately establish an Institution of permanent and lasting value to the State and denomination.

J. B. WHITE, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The importance of intelligence as the handmaid of piety, is perhaps so generally admitted, that it would be deemed an act of supererogation to attempt to prove it. But, like many other important truths, it seems to be *admitted* only to be *neglected*. Whatever may be thought of the claims of "polite literature," there is reason to believe that the importance of sound religious knowledge is not as deeply and extensively felt as it should be. We seem to have fallen upon times when it is deemed quite immaterial what views are entertained on the subject of religion; and it is to be feared that we are fast hastening to a period, if we are not already at it, when serious and substantial things will be so unfashionable, and so little relished by the general reader, that they will have to retire out of the way, to make room for the fanciful and romantic. A large portion of society read nothing at all, and the other portion, with a few exceptions, read *trash*. There is not time for religious reading, it is thought, and to be defective in sentiment, or low in spiritual emotion, is regarded as no great crime.

Christians themselves do not seem to feel the importance of high attainments in religious knowledge. Without intending to enter fully into the subject at present, we would ask them, especially, to consider some of the evils resulting from ignorance on divine things. How much has the cause of religion suffered through the unskilfulness of its advocates? Their obscure and erroneous views have been so expressed as to make false impressions, and to create a prejudice against the truth where the intentions have been good. Diversity among christians arises very much from the lack of religious knowledge, and the evil effects of this diversity are sufficient to show the importance of spreading that light which will bring all to "see eye to eye." Most of the heresies and discords of either ancient or modern times, have originated in ignorance of Scripture truth; and making all due allowance for the working of depraved feelings, which prompt many to oppose what they know to be right, and to pursue what they know to be wrong; it must be admitted that a very large proportion of those who are really retarding the cause they profess to serve, err for the want of correct information. To take a single class as a specimen of the rest, we observe that this is the great defect of the anti-missionaries. It is admitted that among them are some few men of pretty fair intelligence, and it is to be feared that their *leaders* err from a less innocent cause than ignorance; but so far as our knowledge extends, the most of them are amazingly ignorant on the subject of christian obligation and duty, and are conscientiously opposing the spread of the gospel in the belief that they are thereby doing God service! Could they be made better acquainted with the character and spirit of christianity—could they have unfolded to their minds a correct history of modern missions—were they even acquainted with the memoirs of Pearce, Fuller, Carey, Rice, Boardman, and Ann H. Judson; if with this information they could still oppose missions, I would then admit that the cause lies deeper than intellectual darkness. But so long as I find that the neglectors and opposers of Missions are generally deficient in religious intelligence, and neglectful of the means of improvement, I must think this no small cause of

their opposition. I cannot think that any one, who is a friend of our Lord Jesus Christ, can oppose the measures which circulate a knowledge of his salvation, *if he knows what he is doing.*

As a denomination we have much reason to seek to be better understood by the public. It is not known as it should be, why we do not bring our infants to baptism, why we refuse to communicate with other professed christians at the sacrament of the supper, why we so tenaciously adhere to immersion, etc. All this is set down, not to our love of truth and strict conformity to scripture, but to bigotry and want of benevolence, if not to something worse. How plain and important the duty, then, to multiply and circulate suitable publications? There is no other means by which we can act so extensively on the public mind; and, *cæteris paribus*, that cause will make most progress, which makes the most use of the press.

We have too long neglected to avail ourselves of the advantages of the press as we should have done. We have not been sufficiently systematized and concentrated in our efforts. Too many years passed away before we had any publishing establishment, and now that object is gained, our people are too slow in coming up to its support. This tardiness, it is to be feared, arises in some cases from selfish indifference to the truth; but in others, and, not a few, it arises from an undervaluation of the press as a means of promoting it. The last error might be corrected, we think, by a careful study of the Reformation, and the French Revolution; in each of which the press was the most efficient engine employed—in the former for good, in the latter for evil.

It was from a conviction that the press has great power over public thought and feeling, that the Baptist General Tract Society was organized. This Society has furnished a large number of valuable Tracts, which have been widely circulated; but it was found to be too restricted in its operations, as we needed books as well as Tracts; and to meet the demands of the cause, it was concluded a few years since to form an American Baptist Publication Society, which should furnish all kinds of publications we need. Thus the Tract Society was transmuted into one more general. The Publication Society is located at Philadelphia; and has proceeded to issue publications as rapidly as the funds received would permit. The first two articles of its constitution sufficiently explain its character and objects, and the manner in which they may be promoted, to secure the co-operation of every Baptist, or friend of the Baptist cause, throughout the country:

"Article 1. The name of this Society shall be—the American Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society. Its object shall be to publish such books as are needed by the Baptist denomination, and to promote Sunday Schools by such measures as experience may prove expedient.

Article 2. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying, annually, the sum of one dollar or more; a life member by the payment, at one time, of twenty dollars; a life Director by the payment, at one time, of fifty dollars."

We would call the attention of the friends of the cause throughout the State, to this society, and its terms of membership, and urge upon them to come up to its help. Let us look upon it as *our* Society. Let us in some way become connected with it, and take an active part in circulating its publications. Let

us purchase its publications as they come out, for the benefit of our families, and train our children to habits of *religious reading*. And besides family Libraries, let us seek to establish in every church a Baptist Library, which, under the supervision of a Librarian, shall be accessible to all who will read. A sum can be raised for this object, annually, without much burden, if systematically attended to. Let one or two individuals be appointed, (females perhaps would be better,) to keep subscription books, in which the names of those are recorded from whom they are to expect a stipulated sum *annually*. In this way a good Library may be formed in the course of time, which will be no small help to the presiding Pastor, and which will contribute much to the spiritual growth of the congregation, *if its volumes are read.*

And now, reader, do not lay aside this report, feeling that your perusal of it has accomplished the object for which it was written. Its design is to set *you* to work in this cause. It places before you something to be *done*. It asks your help in a most important department, where you are personally concerned. It *seeks* to remind you that while it is the *truth* which sanctifies, on *you* rests the solemn responsibility of making that truth manifest.

J. J. FINCH, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee cannot present a more profitable report, than an abstract of the progress of Foreign Missionary operations up to the present time.

It would be well to refer to the minutes of the last Convention for a general view of the origin and progress of Foreign Missions among the Baptists of the United States.—To persons who do not receive regular annual reports of the Missionary Board, a file of the minutes would be valuable for the missionary data thus furnished. We have now 20 missions—100 stations and outstations, 45 American Missionaries, 54 American Assistant Missionaries, 111 native preachers and assistants—total 210 missionaries and assistants, 77 churches, 780 baptisms the past year, 3709 members of the mission churches, 44 schools, 877 scholars. A reference to the Report on Foreign Missions before the last Convention, will show the increase of stations, &c. The receipts from auxiliaries, individuals, &c, for the year ending April 1, 1842, were $52,137 10; expenditures, $57,793 94; excess of expenditures $5,656 84. —Our brethren should make themselves familiar with the above general items. The 8 missions among the American Indians are among the Ojibwas, Ottawas, Oneidas and Tuscaroras, Otoes, Shawanoes, Cherokees, Creeks and Choctaws. The state of religion among the Indians, continues to afford evidence of increasing prosperity. Numbers of these unhappy beings are now able to read the word of life in their own language. Through the instrumentality of the missionaries, they are rapidly acquiring a knowledge of the arts of civilized life; and some of them are persons highly refined and of great intellectual attainments. Interesting revivals of religion have occurred among the Tonnawandas and Cherokees, in which considerable numbers were added to the church. In the latter tribe are 1000 members of the Baptist Church; and among them are numbered some of their principal chiefs. An effort has been

made to throw odium on the character of Jesse Bushyhead, (a celebrated chief, and also a minister of the Gospel,) for supposed delinquency as agent of the U. S Government in the pacification of the Seminoles of Florida; but no unprejudiced mind will attach blame to Jesse Bushyhead for his conduct in this delicate agency, after a due examination of all the circumstances.—We rejoice in the knowledge of the fact, that the red man is opening his eyes to the great destroyer of his species, and that the use of ardent spirits is rapidly diminishing among these children of the forest. The conduct of many Indians, with regard to the use of ardent spirits, should put to blush many who make greater pretensions to civilization and refinement.

According to the report of the Board, in its annual meeting in April last, the number of missions in Europe is 3; comprising 21 stations and outstations. In France are 2 missionaries and assistants, 12 native preachers and assistants, 13 churches, 36 baptized, 200 members. In the mission to Germany and Denmark are 10 stations and outstations, 9 preachers and assistants, 13 churches, exclusive of that at Steelyard, 150 baptized during the past year, and 350 members. In Asia there are 6 missions. In the mission at Maulmein, including the Amherst mission, are 17 stations and outstations, 17 missionaries and assistants, 6 churches, 57 baptized during the year ending July 1841, 475 members. The other Asiatic missions are at Tavoy, Siam and China; in Arracan, in Assam, and among the Teloogoos. The success that has attended the efforts of the missionaries at the different Asiatic stations, has been of a most encouraging character. The increase, however, is not precisely known. In Africa, American Baptists ave 2 missionary stations, 5 missionaries and assistants, and a native assistant. The schools established by the missionaries, are exerting a most excellent effect on the natives of that benighted land. The deficit of nearly $7000 in receipts, as noticed above, was promptly advanced by the treasurer, deacon Lincoln, of Boston. While this fact redounds greatly to the credit of our excellent brother Lincoln, it should induce us, as a body, to use proper efforts to prevent a recurrence of a similar circumstance. Brother L. advanced this amount from his own private funds, at a time of pressing need in the mercantile world, and has received no remuneration for his services as treasurer for years. Baptists of North Carolina should arouse to a proper sense of their obligations. Indeed our brethren throughout the Union need somewhat to be urged to their duty in this respect. Compared with other christian denominations, we are thrown into the shade. Christians in other denominations in our country, less in numbers and of feebler ability, outstrip us in this heavenly race. The bare statement of the fact will stimulate us, it is hoped, to renewed vigor in the Foreign Mission enterprise. Our brethren in England devote, annually, nearly $120,000 to the cause of Foreign Missions. Not only do English Baptists support the Gospel at their own churches, and that too, not by having preaching once a month, but every sabbath; but they are compelled by law to assist in the support of the Episcopal Church, which is the established church of the kingdom. These brethren, less in number than one-third of American Baptists, contribute more than twice as much as we do for the extension of our Redeemer's cause among the heathen. In almost all our religious efforts, the burden falls on a small minority of the

body. This should not be so. Some plan should be adopted by which the majority should be brought to action. There are about 35,000 members of the Baptist churches in North Carolina—a portion of them, however, profess to be opposed to the sustaining of christian missions among pagan nations—allowing that there are 10,000 of these, (and this exceeds the real numbers,) there will be left 25,000 Baptists in N. Carolina, who profess to feel an interest in Foreign Missions. It were easy to calculate what a vast amount of good might be effected by these 25,000, if they were to contribute systematically.

Your Committee have observed some valuable hints on this subject in the September number of the South Churchman Repository. Suppose each Baptist in North Carolina, friendly to missions, were to contribute the small amount of one cent a week for Foreign Missions: the amount that would be contributed can be easily estimated; and how easily could we all spare so small an amount. In truth the amount being small, constitutes, in the eyes of many, its greatest ground of objection. But let us not be deterred—such an objection must come from an open enemy, or a timid friend. Will not our 21 associations, that now contribute to Foreign Missions, pledge each one itself to raise, annually, an amount equal to one cent a week for each of its members? Will not each church in these associations make an effort to adopt and carry on the cent a week plan? Let us hope they will; and at the next annual meeting of the Convention, we shall see the fruits of our labors. Nor let us be discouraged, if all our members cannot be brought to a sense of their duty at once. Forward let us go—onward let us move, until every Baptist in the State shall have enlisted in this glorious cause. The reflex influence produced on religion at home by our efforts to spread it abroad, is a decided evidence of the approbation of Heaven of the Foreign Mission enterprise. Those churches that have been foremost in the support of the Foreign Missionary operations have, without a single exception in the knowledge of the Committee, been most eminently favored from on high, not only in spiritual growth, increase of influence and numbers, but also in a manifest elevation in piety, and increase in all the graces of the spirit. How culpable then, are those ministers who do not urge on their charges, their duties in regard to sending the Gospel to the benighted lands of the earth? In vain will they plead at the bar of a Just Being, that they refrained for the sake of peace.—The Prophets of old said they could not hold their peace, nor the Apostles, nor even would the blessed Redeemer court peace, when such tremendous interests were at stake. But, alas! it is reserved for a time-serving ministry of the 19th century, "having itching ears," thus to propitiate the good will of those who are "at ease in Zion," by "shunning to declare the whole counsel of God." But we hope that the time has arrived when ministers are becoming more emboldened in this blessed cause. On parents too, devolves a duty of no small magnitude: early impressions are seldom effaced from the minds of the most aged. Through life will sentiments imbibed in childhood continue, unseen and unknown, to influence almost every action. How important that parents should early imbue the mind of their offspring, with a proper view of the subject of our report. We can easily imagine with what eager eyes the little boy would follow the finger of a fond mother, as she traces on the map the spot that marks

Calcutta; and as a mother's lips tells of the toils and difficulties of Cary and his partners in missionary toil, his little heart would pant that he were a man and could follow over the wide Atlantic, stand where stood the man of God, preach that same Gospel, and at last fill so honored a grave; and when the father draws around him his little ones, and tells of the sufferings of a Judson, while a prisoner in chains, to the unfeeling idolaters, while he points out Rangoon, and other places in which he was tortured, while again he points to Ava, where the heroic Kincaid dared to proclaim the glad tidings of a Redeemer's love, despite the menaces of a merciless despot, and Maulmein, Tavoy, Mergui and the land of the interesting Karen,—and tell them that here Judson now lives to tell of a risen Saviour,—here the devoted Boardman breathed his last,—there lie the remains of the sainted Pierce,—there the humble monument that covers the dust of the pious Mrs. Judson. We can easily see what an interest will be excited in that young circle, and imagine the thousand questions that will be asked by their infantine lips. Not only may parents thus imbue the minds of the rising generation with a love of missions, but the Sabbath School teacher may be a powerful auxiliary in this cause. By preserving interesting reports of missionaries, and relating them to his class on Sabbath, the teacher may create in the minds of his youthful charge, an abiding interest; and possibly may excite in them a desire to become messengers of bleeding love to dying man.

The prospects of missionaries, under the control of the Board, are encouraging in all respects, save the pecuniary means of their maintenance. The difficulties that oppress our country, are known to be distressing; and retrenchment in our affairs is becoming necessary almost daily; but let it not begin in our contributions to the course of christian benevolence. The apprehensions of our missionaries are painfully excited, lest their means of doing good shall be farther restricted, or entirely cut off, and themselves compelled to return home and engage in some employment, to procure the necessaries of life. This would be greatly to be deplored, inasmuch as already great expenditures have been incurred in enabling missionaries to reach their posts of labor, in qualifying them to speak the language of those among whom they are stationed, and the erection of suitable houses, &c. for purposes connected with the missions: and if each of us regarded the matter in its true light, our missions could be sustained, nay increased, and the burden on each one would be light. Donations of articles of clothing, clothes, stockings—such articles as are used in schools, as pencils, slates—would prove very acceptable aid.—Thousands might be contributed in this way, which would gladly be spared by donors, did they know that such articles would be needed; and measures should be adopted in each State whereby a channel could be formed, through which such articles could flow to the desired end. There are incidents in the history of our Foreign Missionary operations, that are of exciting interest. In the origin of the Baptist church, in Hamburg, the hand of our heavenly Father is evidently seen. A serious and well-meaning individual, desirous of seeking his own salvation, commences to search the Scriptures. Spirituality of life and heart are there plainly laid down as the duty of those who would follow Christ. Determined to devote himself to the cause of human salvation,

he makes the word of God his daily study; and he is led to believe that the Scriptures hold forth b liever's baptism only. Providentially he came in contact with a pious captain of a ship, trading between Hamburg and Philadelphia, who "instructed him in the way more perfectly." That captain was a Baptist, and he loved his Saviour, and felt that he was "not ashamed of the Gospel." What an example is here set to many "who name the name of Christ," who, when they leave their homes, act as though their christian obligations no longer bound them when absent from home. Mr. Oncken found that this pious sailor held precisely the same sentiments that he himself had adopted from reading the Scriptures. As time rolled on, Mr. Oncken became a Baptist; a church was organized; and although it has passed through the fiery trial of civil persecution, the church has continued to prosper, until now the Gospel, in its purity, is proclaimed by faithful laborers; and there are now 13 churches that have been constituted in connexion with the mission to Germany and Denmark.

But perhaps there never has occurred a more remarkable instance of the Divine leadings, than have been apparent with the origin of the Baptist interest in Denmark. Peter Mœnster, feeling deeply his condition as a sinner, became convinced of his duty in regard to baptism, &c., attached himself to the church, and at once became the victim of unrelenting persecution. His brother, Adolph Mœnster, who was about to be installed into the pastoral office, (with almost every comfort that could make life desirable,) in connexion with the established church; on learning his brother's distressed condition, visited him, conversed with him, and on investigation finding his brother to be correct, himself became a Baptist. These brothers "shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God;" and whilst they honored God, they drew on themselves the vindictive ire of those who had temporal authority over them. They were thrown into dungeons, and their limbs fettered with heavy irons. The bare recital of their persecution reflects sadly on the liberality of the 19th century—a cord was touched that vibrated most painfully throughout England and America. The English Baptists sent a deputation to the authorities of Denmark, and although they had expected to find the situation of our brethren painful, yet, say they, "it was worse" than we expected. Both the brothers were involved in heavy pecuniary embarrassments, in consequence of their fines and imprisonment, and when they could no longer raise the means of liquidating these unjust demands, their cruel persecutors have levied on their little furniture—and late accounts assure us that it is, or was but a short time since, advertised to be sold for prison charges, &c. ! ! ! !—"Tell it not in Gath—publish it not in the streets of Askelon." This in a professedly christian country! Nor is this all: another man, by name of Peter Andreas, or the crime of becoming a Baptist, was stripped of every article of furniture, and even of his clothing, except what he wore on his person; and even the little presents given to him by christian friends and brethren in the depths of his distress, were barbarously taken from him. The court was compelling him to undergo imprisonment of from 10 days to a fortnight at a time, which was reckoned as so many dollars towards the fine imposed upon him, which he was not able otherwise to pay. Rasmus Jorgensen, another holy sufferer, has

been fined on the principle of arithmetical progression, viz: the first month of his refusing to have his child christened, he was to pay $10 per week; 2nd month, $20; 3rd month, $40; 4th month, $80, and so on, until his property was exhausted—when he was to be imprisoned, and ultimately banished for life, in case of his continued refusal to bring his child to the Lutheran font. It seems almost impossible to believe that such cruelties are practised at this enlightened day in a christian land, but, alas! it is too true.

Notwithstanding all these things, the hand of the Lord is with our brethren; pure Christianity is shedding its hallowed influence more and more extensively over those classic lands; and we cannot resist the conviction that ere 50 years shall bring around another jubilee, that that land, with ours, shall rejoice with us in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

If, under all these circumstances, so discouraging to human view, the Gospel flourishes in the hands of our missionaries, should we be discouraged? Should our contributions fail? And now while China is thrown open, so that the word of God has free access to the millions of her idolatrous subjects, shall we slacken in our efforts? By no means; on the contrary, less us double our diligence—let our contributions flow more freely—let the heralds of the Cross be multiplied—nor let us give over the struggle,

"Till o'er our ransomed nature,
The lamb for sinners slain;
Redeemer, King, Creator,
Returns in bliss to reign."

S. J. WHEELER.

Some persons who have been desirous of contributing to the aid of Foreign Missions, by leaving a provision in their wills, have been defeated in their wishes from the fact, that the legacy was given in such a manner that it could not be paid over. It is therefore deemed expedient to subjoin the form of a bequest, which will be valid:

I, A. B., bequeath to my executors, the sum of dollars, in trust, to pay over the same, after my decease, to the person who may act as treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, when the same is payable, to be applied to the Foreign Missionary Fund of said Convention, and the receipt of said treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

THE N. C. BIBLE SOCIETY.

We are sorry to have to state, that the paper containing an account of the last session of this Society, has been mislaid in the *printing office*, and cannot be found. If any apology can be offered for this occurrence, it must be found in the confusion occasioned by our late fire, which happened about the time the document was lost. All that we recollect is, that

S. WAIT was *President*,

Dr. G. C. MOORE, *Rec. Secretary*,

And that resolutions, strongly in favour of the American and Foreign Bible Society, were eloquently discussed by E. Kingsford and T. Meredith, and unanimously adopted. Also an appropriation was made, through E. Kingsford, to the Foreign Mission Board at Boston.

Synopsis of Baptist Associations, &c.

Names.	When Constituted.	Date of Report.	No. of Churches	Ordained Minis	Licentiates.	Baptized.	Total, White and Colored.
Abbott's Creek,*		1841	10	4		1	
Bear Creek,*	1834	1841	10	4		1	296
Beulap,	1833	1841	9	4	1	43	489
Beer Creek,	1809	1841	14	5		12	566
Cape Fear,	1805	1841	41	26	4	354	2529
Catawba River,	1826	1841	24	13	4	43	766
Chowan,	1806	1841	40	24	11	541	4844
Contentnea,*	1833	1841	17	5		8	500
Country Line,*	1810	1841	19	10	2	14	1298
Fisher's River,*		1841	11	5		34	88
Flat River,	1794	1841	17	11		117	1709
French Broad,	1810	1841	12	10	2	17	507
Goshen,	1829	1841	22	8	1	41	1152
Green River,	1841	1841	16	8	2		739
Kehukee,*	1774	1841	46	16		38	1206
Lewis Fork,	1836	1811	15	7	1	30	728
Liberty,	1835	1841	12	5		15	581
Little River,*		1840	20	12			400
Mayo,*		1831	13	6			257
Mountain,*	1799	1811	30	9		58	1692
Neuse,	1794	1840	5	5	12	157	
Pee Dee,	1818	1811	14	6	1	9	969
Raleigh,	1809	1841	23	16	3	184	
Salem,		1841	18	10	1	23	778
Sandy Creek,	1758	1840	22	10	2	251	1381
Tar River,	1831	1841	16	5	4	30	1413
Three Fork,	1841	1841	10	7			450
Tuckasiege,	1829	1841	20	9	4	18	529
Valley River,	1840	1841	6	4	2	8	229
Yadkin,	1790	1841	14	12		33	409
White Oak,*			13	7	1		
Bethel Conference —Free Will,		1841	43	33		63	2072
Hepsibah Chapel,	1809	1841	1	3	1	3	353
Lee's Chapel,		1841	1	1			100
Baptist Chapel.	1812			2	2		21

*Those marked thus, are anti-missionary.

Clerk and Office.	Time of Meeting.
Joseph Davis, Abbott's Creek.	Saturday before 4th Lord's day, August.
Robert Jones,	Saturday before 1st Lord's day, October.
G. W. Purify, Chapel Hill.	Saturday before 1st Lord's day, August.
James Martin, Brier Creek,	Saturday before 4th Lord's day, September.
H. Lennon, Princess Ann.	Friday before 1st Lord's day, October.
Lewis McCarry, Duncan's Creek.	Friday before 2nd Lord's day, October.
S. J. Wheeler, Murfreesboro.'	Wednesday before 3rd Lord's day, May.
Mark Bennet, Tarborough.	Friday before 4th Lord's day, October.
S. I. Chandler, Ebenezer.	Saturday before 3rd Lord's day, August.
Henry Steele, Little Yadkin.	Friday before 4th Lord's day, September.
T. B. Barnett, Abrams Plains.	Saturday before 2nd Lord's day, August.
Luke L. Branson, Burnsville.	Friday before 4th Lord's day, August.
J. G. Dickson, Faison's Depot.	Friday before 1st Lord's day, October.
J. G. Grayson, Golden Grove.	
J. Biggs, Williamston.	Saturday before 1st Lord's day, October.
R. L. Steele, Harper's Store.	Friday before 1st Lord's day, October.
Peter Owen, Lexington.	Saturday before 3rd Lord's day, August.
T. H. Kennedy, Smithfield.	Friday before 3rd Lord's day, October.
A. McMillan, Jefferson.	Friday before 1st Lord's day, September.
S. S. Biddle, Newbern.	Saturday before 1st Lord's day, Nov.
A. N. Nicholson, Bostock's Mills.	Friday before 3rd Lord's day, October.
S. P. Norriss, Holly Springs.	Saturday before 2nd Lord's day, October.
James Brerard, Fairview.	Friday before 2nd Lord's day, August.
N. Richardson, Temperance Hill.	Saturday before 4th Lord's day, October.
T. G. Pritchford, Warrenton.	Saturday before 1st Lord's day, October.
R. Gentry, Jefferson.	Friday before 1st Lord's day, November.
George F. Caler, Franklin.	Friday after 4th Lord's day, August.
J. Whitaker, Jamesville.	Friday before 2nd Lord's day, October.
A. H. Martin, Hamptonville.	Saturday before 1st Lord's day, October.
C. Kennedy, Cravensville.	
Reuben Barrow, Kenansville.	Thursday before 2nd Lord's day, Nov.
Giles Underhill, Eagle Rock.	
B. Brown, Wakefield.	
J. Blevens, Jefferson.	

N. B. The Commmittee on Statistics, had designed presenting a tabular view of each Association in the State, showing the time when each church was constituted, names of its ministers and their postoffices, and also of the pastor, number of members, white and colored, name of the clerk and post-office; but the necessary items were so few, (only 2 or 3 associations,) that it is omitted altogether. The agent and missionaries, and others who feel interested, will please furnish the items from each association and forward them, without delay, to S. J. Wheeler, in Murfreesboro', N. C.

List of Baptist Ministers in North Carolina. Licentiates are in *italics.*

W. A. Atkinson, Rollsville,
Alex. Abernathy, Catawba river ass'n.
M. J. Abernathy, do. do.
Jesse Ammons, French Broad Assoc'n.
Jordan Ashley, Lewis Fork Assoc'n.
Wm. Ayres, Robeson C. H.
Levi Andrews, Clover Garden.
John Allen, Wadesboro'.
Z. B. Adams, Brier Creek.
Joshua Ammons, Tuckasiege Assoc'n.
J. Angel, Hamptonville.
T. Andrews, Ashville.
Jesse Adams, Brier Creek.
Stephen Bagemore, Windsor.
Wm. Burns, A. M., Roxboro'.
J. G. Barclay, Jackson.
A. J. Battle, Wilmington.
Wm. P. Biddle, Core Creek.
Bailey Bruce, Fairview.
Reese Bayless, Jefferson.
Reuben Bayless, Jefferson.
Luke L. Branson, Burnsville.
J. H. Brooks, Woodville.
S. Brown, Northington.
Wm. T. Brooks, Forestville.
Benjamin Bynum, Snow Hill.
Darius Bryant, Fairview.
G. L. Brawon, Columbus C. H.
James Blythe, Flat Rock.
Warren Brooks, Emerson's Tanyard.
B. Beach, Lewis Fork Association.
Jacob Briniger, A. M., Jefferson.
Green Brown, Jonesville.
John Barrow, Wilmington.
A. M. Craig, Britton's + Roads.
Stephen Chandler, Roxboro'.
A. A. Connella, Murfreesboro'.
Josiah Crudup, Linbank.
S. J. Chandler, Person.
Thomas Craig, Catawba R. Assoc'n.
Willis Coggin, Gulf.
J. Chastain, Jamesville.
Thomas Carlton, Burke C. H
R. P. Cloud, Catawba river Assoc'n.
Eli Carrol, Jackson Hill.
P. C. Connelly, Dockery's Store.
J. B. Clifton, Busbee's Store.
Enoch Crutchfield, Patterson's Store.
B. Carrol, Kenansville.
J. Clark, Catawba River Association.
Joshua Carter, Hamptonville.
S. D. Collins, Robeson C. H.
J. Crutchfield, Sandy Creek Assoc'n.
David Cox.
N. P. Corn, Flat Rock.
J. Cantrel, do. do.
E. N. Chaffin, Yadkin Association.
D. Cook, Three Fork Association.
Wm. Church, Lewis Fork Assoc'n.
Henderson Cheek, Fisher's R. Asso'n.
George F. Coler, Franklin.
John Drake, Culpepper's Bridge.
George Douglas, Trap Hill.
Thomas Dupree, Falkland.
Samuel Dusenbury, Cumberland.
Samuel Doty, Oxford.
E. Davis, Lanesboro'.
William Dupree, Holly Springs.
James Dennis, Hay's Store.
D. Dobbins, Rutherfordton.
Benjamin S. Sozier, Shiloh.
Joseph Evans, Flat Rock.
William H. Edwards, do.
David Elder, Tuckasiege Association.
Jonathan Faw, Jefferson.
M. D. Freeman, Forestville.
Evan Forbes, Shiloh.
J. J. Finch, Newbern.
S. Ferguson, Lewis Fork Association.
William J. Findley, Harrell's Store.
Jacob Faw, Jefferson.
George Fennell, Harrel's Store.
R. Farthing, Three Fork Association.
Jacob Green, do. do.
Atlas Gilbert, Emerson's Tanyard.
Richard Gentry, Jefferson.
Joseph C. Grayson, Golden Grove.
Samuel Gibson, Franklin.
William Goforth, New Hope.
James Griffin, Greenville.
Lowery Grimsley, Jefferson.
William Garner, Hamptonville.
Daniel Griffin, Greenville.
Thomas Hoggard, Pitch Landing.
Edward Howell, South Quay.
William D. Holder, Franklin.
David Harrell, Windsor.
William Hardee, Jackson.
John Harrell, Suffolk, Va.
John Haynes, Jefferson.
Joel Hill.
Wake Hill, Military Grove.
Elijah Hester, Dutchville.
W. Hudgins, Warrenton.
Steven Horn, Huntsville.
G. W. Huffham, Faison's Depot.

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John Hunnicut, Forestville.
L. Horton, Wakefield.
D. Hayes, Robeson C. H.
William H. Hamner, Mocksville.
Samuel Hold.
Joseph Harrison, Hamptonville.
A. Hildebrand, Lincolnton.
Thomas Henson, Franklin.
William Haynes, do.
L. A. Herdson, Fairview.
P. Hodnet, Rowan C. H.
William Hollinsworth, Elizabethtown.
Charles Horton, Rollsville.
Jesse Howell, Holly Springs.
Eli Holland, Smithfield.
A. Harriss, Lilesville.
Joseph Harrison, Fort Defiance.
Joshua Hall.
C. Howell, Franklin.
M. W. Jones, Jonesboro'.
William H. Jordan, Williamsboro'.
William Jones, Chapel Hill.
Richard Jacks, Jefferson.
Prichard Jordan, Elizabeth City.
Calvin Jones, Jefferson.
T B Justice, Edaysville.
Kendrick Johnson, Holly Springs.
Robert Jordan, Cathey's Creek.
Jonathan King, Rutherfordton.
A. King, Roxboro'.
J. H. Kennedy, Smithfield.
Leonard Kingsbury, Rumford.
Thomas King, Halifax, Va.
B. T. Kirby, Beattie's Ford.
James King, Blue Wing.
James Kimsey, Franklin.
A Kinney, Jacksonville.
Reuben Lawrence, Windsor.
C. Livingston, Harper's Store.
B. Lanier, Mount Lebanon.
Joshua Lawrence, Tarboro'.
John Lyon, Flat Rock.
D Lennon, Princess Ann.
H. Lennon, Princess Ann P. O.
John Lee.
Moses L. Mizell, Windsor.
T. Meredith, Raleigh.
Robert McNabb, Oxford.
William Mince, Flat Rock.
James McDaniel, Fayetteville.
John Montague, Oxford.
Stephen Morgan, Ashville.
William H. Merrit, Chapel Hill.
Peter Miller, Burnsville.
William A. Morriss, Diamond Hill.
S. P. Morton, Albemarle.
John Monroe, Mount Pelier.
Thomas McDaniel.
James S. Mimms, Fayetteville.
Thomas Mason, do.
James Murray, Greenville.
Mark May, Hamptonville.
Clayton Moore, Williamston.
J. F. McCall, Wadesboro'.
John Meares, Bladen C. H.
N. Martin, Robeson C. H.
Daniel P. Morriss, Lexington.
Barzillai McBride, Jefferson.
William E. Mull, Franklin.
Jacob E. Mingas, do.
Zebulon Minor, Fair Grove.
Ellan Mecoms, Stanhope.
M. Mason, Pathey's Creek.
John Nowell, Colleraine.
James Nash, Elizabeth City.
B. Nixon, Edenton.
George Nance, Raleigh.
Aaaron Norden, Fayetteville.
D. R. Newton, Princess Ann.
Nathaniel Norwood, Roxboro'.
Mark Nowell, Eagle Rock.
Sol. G. O'Brien, Warrenton.
Peter Owen, Lexington.
William E. Oakly, Forestville.
Zachariah Neal, Brown's Store.
Philip Powell, Hamptonville.
A. Pleasant, Harper's Store.
Jesse Powell, Conneconara.
Furney Prevat, Fayetteville.
Selby Patrick, Columbia.
Robert Pardew, Brier Creek.
William Pierce, Windsor.
G. W. Purify, Chapel Hill.
N. A. Purify, Greenville.
Stephen Pleasant, Roxboro'.
J. S. Purify, Forestville.
John L. Prichard, Milton.
H. W. Patterson, Montford's Cove.
J. F. Pendergrass, Franklin.
John Purify, Holly Springs.
J. Prichard, Charlotte.
H. P. Parham, Burnsville.
Plummer Pierce, Bellfield.
Robert Patterson, Burnsville.
Lewis Pipkin, Averasboro'.
Eli Philips, Temperance Hill.

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Humphrey Posey, Franklin.
Paul Phifer, County Line P. O.
William Rees, Burnsville.
Noah Richardson, Temperance Hill.
Enoch Rives, Jefferson.
William Richards, Walnut Lane.
Burton Roby, do.
A. P. Repiton, Wilmington.
John Robertson, Lexington.
H. Rayner, Winton.
James Ross, Windsor.
H. Robbins.
R. E. Rives.
D. J. Rea.
D. F. Richardson, Raleigh.
John Raynes, Franklin.
Merrit Rickman, Mills River.
David Rogers, Kenansville.
John Rowan, Lexington.
Thomas Stradley, Ashville.
Henry Speight, Middle Swamp.
William P. Swanson, Duncan's creek.
Henry Spivy, Greenville.
Stephen Senter, Holly Springs.
Solomon D. Swaim, Jonesville.
Jonathan Stevenson, Raleigh.
Artemas Shattuck, Temperance Hill.
S. P. Smith, Wilkesboro'.
Lemuel Sandalin, Shiloh.
Pat'k. Smith, Warrenton.
B. Styles, Jamesville.
John Sukatowy, Franklin.
Asa Sadbury, Onslow C. H.
D. Sanderlin, Jonesboro'.
Henry Swinson, Snowhill.
A. B. Stevens, Robeson C. H.
Nathaniel Senter, Jefferson.
Isam Stone, Robeson C. H.
David Thompson, Smithfield.
O. H. Trotman, Mintonsville.
George M. Thompson, Murfreesboro'.
Nathaniel Thompson, Yadkin.
James M. Thomas, Charlotte.
Sol. Terrill, Rolesville.
B. Temple, Raleigh.
Abram Twine, Sunsbury.
Oliver Turner, Columbus C. H.
N. H. Tindall, Wright's Folly.
William Turner, Lexington.
James Vannoy, Harper's Store.
D. Umstead, Red Mountain.
Samuel Wait, Forestville.
John B. White, Forestville.
Robert Wellborn, Jonesville.
Thomas Weaver, Chapel Hill.
Jonathan Wilkinson, Norwood.
Thomas Wright, Brier Creek.
James Wiseman, Cotton Grove.
James Weathers, Oxford.
David S. Williams, Averasboro'.
Pleasant A. Witt, Jefferson.
William White, Ballard's Bridge.
Samuel Wilder, Eagle Rock.
Henry White, Windsor.
William White, do.
T. Waff, Edenton.
Harvey White, St. John.
James M. Webb, Rutherfordton.
Thomas Wilcox, Bellfield.
William Wilson, Marly's Mill.
Hezekiah Woodard, Lumberton.
Elijah Wicker, Powell's Point.
Daniel Westray, Franklin.
Daniel Windsor, Cheshire.
Josiah Wiseman, Cotton Grove.
Isaac Wright.
Azariah Williams, Reed's + Roads.
Jonathan Wallace, Plymouth.
William Whitaker, Williamston.
Jacob G. Woodall, Smithfield.
James Wilson, Sampson C. H.
Willis Wells, Roxboro'.
Jacob Wilkie, Franklin.
B. Ward.
J. Woodard.
Aaron Wamble, Emerson's Tanyard.
Josiah Wilcoxson, Jefferson.
J. W. West, Warsaw.
George W. Wallace, Kenansville.
Matthew T. Yates, Forestville.

If there be any names of Baptist Ministers omitted, or if the postoffice be incorrectly stated, please communicate it to S. J. Wheeler, P. M., Murfreesboro', N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION;

HELD AT

BOILING SPRING CAMP-GROUND,

HENDERSON COUNTY, N. C.

OCT. 13—17, 1843.

RALEIGH:
Printed at the Recorder Office.

MINUTES.

Friday, Oct. 13, 1843.

It being late in the afternoon when the Delegates assembled, it was agreed to postpone the organization of the meeting until Saturday, and to spend the evening in prayer.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 14.

After spending about an hour in prayer, the delegates and congregation assembled at the stand, when (the persons appointed being absent) the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Eli Phillips from Ephesians v. 1.

The Convention immediately afterwards assembled, and (the President and 1st Vice President being absent) was called to order by Rev. S. Wait, 2nd Vice President.

A Committee, consisting of brethren Epaphroditus Hightower, James Whitaker, Elisha King, and Elders Jonathan King and Thomas Stradley, was appointed to supply the stand with preaching.

Brethren Jas. Brevard and Jas. Whitaker were appointed the Financial Committee.

Persons representing Churches, Associations, etc., were called upon to report themselves, and their enrollment is as follows:—

COUNTIES.	CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Wake.	Wake Forest College,	S. Wait,	Forestville.
"	"	J. B. White,	"
"	"	W. T. Brooks,	"
"	"	M. T. Yates,	"
"	Raleigh Church,	N. A. Purify,	"
Craven.	Per Self,	W. P. Biddle,	Harris' Store.
Henderson	Salem Association,	M. Rickman,	Mills River.
"	Cathey's Cr'k & Little R'r Asso'n,	Robert Jordan,	Cathey's Creek.
"	New Bethany, Salem & Cane Cr'k,	Jas. Brevard,	"
"	Per Friends,	Elisha King,	Hendersonville.
Craven.	Newbern,	J. J. Finch, J. Brinson, Z. Slade & W. H. Cross,	Newbern.
Granville.	Island Creek,	W. H. Jordan,	Williamsboro'.
Cherokee.	Valley River Baptist Association,	J. Blythe, J. Whitaker, Jehu Chastein,	Jamesville.
Davidson.	Liberty Association,	R. Jacks,	Jeffersonville.
Ashe.	Baptist Chapel,	William Jones,	"
Buncombe.	Mt. Pleasant,	Tho. Stradley	Ashville.
Surry.	Island Ford,	Mark May,	Jonesville.
Chatham.	Sandy Creek Association,	Eli Phillips,	Temperance Hill.

Went into the election of Officers and Board of Managers for the ensuing year, and the following is the result:

THOS. MEREDITH, *President.*
AL. DOCKERY, *1st Vice President.*
SAML. WAIT, *2nd Vice President.*
C. W. SKINNER, *3rd Vice President.*
W. H. JORDAN, *Cor. Secretary.*
J. J. FINCH, *Rec. Secretary.*
JAS. S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Thos. Crocker,	David Justice,	Geo. W. Thompson,
Wm. M. Crenshaw,	J. B. White,	William Jones,
Geo. W. Jones,	S. J. Wheeler,	W. T. Brooks,
T. B. Barnett,	R. D. Bumpass,	G. C. Moore,
W. A. Atkinson,	Williamson Parham,	Geo. M. Thompson.
Jas. Dennis,	R. M. McNabb,	William Russell.

On Motion, visiting brethren, ministers were invited to take seats with us, which invitation was accepted by Rev. Jonathan King, and on Monday by Rev. Dr. Babcock, Cor. Sec. of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and Rev. Messrs. Evans and Mince.

Committees were appointed to report on Monday, on the following subjects: Temperance, Periodicals, Education, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

On Motion, it was agreed that Rev. S. Wait preach the Missionary Sermon to-morrow, also that a collection be taken in behalf of the Convention, and that brethren T. Stradley and Elisha King be a Committee to receive the same.

On Motion, Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by brother R. Jordan.

Sabbath Morning, Oct. 15.

THE services of the day were introduced by Rev. Jehu Chastein, who preached from Isa. xl. 10: "Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him," etc. Rev. S. Wait succeeded and preached the Missionary Sermon from Matt. vi. first clause of the 10th verse, "Thy kingdom come." After a respite of half an hour, the congregation was again addressed by Rev. R. Babcock, from Rev. iii. 20.—"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." After which the Lord's Supper was administered by brethren Wait and Babcock to the brethren and delegates present.

Monday Morning, Oct. 16.

The Convention assembled, prayer by bro. R. Babcock. A letter of correspondence was received from the Baptist State Convention of So. Ca., containing the names of brethren Culpepper, Hill, Magee, Chiles, Grisham,

Roberts, Reynolds, Dawson, Rice and M. Gambrell, as their delegates, (but all absent) and brethren Stradley, Babcock and Wait were appointed to prepare an answer to the same to be appended to these minutes.

The Agent and Missionaries were called on to report,—their reports were received and ordered to be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, to be reported to the Executive Committee and afterwards to be appended to the minutes.

Brethren Wait, Jacks and Purify were appointed to nominate a list of persons of whom the vacancy in the Board of Trustees may be filled.

On Motion, That part of bro. Biddle's communication relating to an Eastern and Western Convention, or rather two annual Sessions of the same Convention, was re-read, discussed and referred to the next Convention.

On Motion, the Convention gave way to the North Carolina Bible Society.

The Convention resumed its business. Brethren, N. J. Palmer, J. J. James, Calvin Graves and John Kerr were appointed to represent this Convention in the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Brethren S. Wait, R. Babcock, L. DuPre, N. A. Purify and W. A. Atkinson were appointed to represent this body in the next session of the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina.

On Motion, the Committee of Finance was directed to settle with the missionaries and take their receipts.

On Motion, the Committee of Finance was instructed to pay over to the Secretary of the A. and F. Bible Society all monies designated for said Society.

On Motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the board and tuition of bro. M. T. Yates, beneficiary at Wake Forest College: and it was also agreed that he be continued under the patronage of the Board of the Convention.

As the Committees appointed to report at this Convention were absent, it was agreed that they be continued and requested to report at the next Convention. The following are the Committees:

On Foreign Missions, J. J. Finch, W. P. Biddle and T. Waff.

On Home Missions, J. B. White, J. S. Tayloe and Thos. Gilliam.

On Sabbath Schools, Geo. M. Thompson, J. S. Purify and W. H. Cross.

On Publications, Dr. C. Lillybridge, Dr. G. C. Moore and John Nowell.

On Tracts, L. DuPre, A. A. Connella and L. House.

State of Religion, J. McDaniel, Hardie and E. Crutchfield.

Statistics, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, R. M. McNabb and N. A. Purify.

Resolved, That we respectfully suggest to the Convention of 1844, the propriety of electing the Treasurer for a term of years.

It was unanimously agreed that all monies left to the discretion of the Convention be appropriated to the Education Fund.

On Motion, It was agreed that the report on Statistics appended to the last, be reprinted with these minutes.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother Purify.

Tuesday Morning, Oct. 17.

The Convention met—Prayer by bro. Stradley. The Committee appointed to nominate an indefinite number of names, out of which to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees reported—report concurred in, and the committee discharged.

Brother R. Jacks, one of the missionaries, reported that, owing to an unusual prospect of doing good, he had laboured in the service of the Convention one month over his appointed time, for which service, the Convention authorized the financial committee to pay him; but he generously gave the Convention half of it, $10, to be applied to the Education Fund.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay N. A. Purify, Agent for the Convention, for his services.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, reported the following response, which was unanimously adopted: On reception of the friendly epistle from the B. S. Convention of So. Ca., containing assurances of their disposition to co-operate in the cause of education and in every good word and work, Voted, unanimously, that we cordially welcome these assurances, and give in charge to our delegates to their Convention, to assure them that we are ready to enter into any wise and prudent arrangement with them, for promoting the great objects we are both lobouring to secure; and especially for arranging such a plan for our educational interests, as may combine our endeavors in the most economical and efficient manner.

On motion, It was agreed that the Convention have an Agent, and bro. N. A. Purify was appointed Agent, for the ensuing year at the rate of $300 per annum. Furthermore, the Agent was instructed to act according to his own discretion, as to the manner of creating and collecting funds.

Brethren Lewis DuPre, and Thomas Stradley, were appointed delegates to represent us in the next Triennial Convention: and, the President together with the Vice Presidents were authorized to delegate persons to supply their place, in case of failure.

The Convention being satisfied from indubitable testimony that Rev. William Kimzey rendered missionary service for the year 1836, for which he has not been remunerated, Agreed that the Treasurer, (with the advice of brother Wait,) be instructed to examine into the justness of his claim and settle it equitably.

The report on Temperance was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The report on Periodicals was read, and after some appropriate remarks, was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The report on Education was read, and after some appropriate and feeling addresses, was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were read, received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Brethren S. J. Wheeler, G. C. Moore, and G. M. Thompson, were appointed a committee to superintend missionary labour in the Eastern part of the State for the term of six months only.

Brethren J. Whitaker, E. Hightower, and J. King, were appointed to select missionaries and direct their labour in the Western part of the State for the term of six months only.

The report of the financial committee was received and referred to brethren Wait and Purify together with said committee for further examination; and there was found an error of $2 15 cts., for which it could not be satisfactorily accounted.

Agreed that 1500 copies of the minutes be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

On motion, it was decided that the next session of the Convention be held in the city of Raleigh, to commence Friday before the 3d. Sabbath in Oct. 1844.

Brother McNabb was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, bro. Thos. Stradley.

Brother J. J. Finch was appointed to preach a sermon in behalf of the Convention on the Sabbath, and bro. James McDaniel his alternate.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the amount due for printing last year's minutes as soon as he ascertains it.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are cheerfully tendered to the friends in the place, for their generous christian hospitality extended to the members and visiters, in the house and in the tents, by day and by night. May the choisest of Heaven's blessings ever rest on them, that they may feel the confident assurance that their labour has not been in vain in the Lord!

The Convention then adjourned to meet in Raleigh, Friday before the 3d. Lord's day in Oct. 1844. After some suitable remarks from brethren Babcock and Wait, the latter closed the session by prayer.

S. WAIT, 2d. Vice President, and President pro Tem.

N. A. PURIFY, Sec. pro Tem.

REPORTS.

ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting on Temperance, regret to say that the cause as far as they have an opportunity of judging, is at present, in most places throughout the State not so prosperous as we could wish; but we at the same time rejoice to say that the Temperance cause is in many places exerting a most powerful and salutary influence, and we have no hesitancy in saying that it has been instrumental in the hands of God of doing much good. By its means, many drunkards have been reclaimed, and turbulent husbands and fathers have become affectionate and agreeable companions and parents. Moderate drinkers have been prevented from becoming sots, and the young have been hindered from acquiring a taste for intoxicating liquors. There is one fact which we regret to name, it is that there are many of the ministers of our denomination, and deacons of our churches, as well as many lay-brethren, who have not set their faces sternly against the practice of drinking and the evils of intemperance. Your committee conceive this to be one amongst the most important of the benevolent enterprises of the day, for promoting the glory of God and the prosperity and happiness of man. And with this view of the subject we recommend, that not only every member of the Convention, but every member of our denomination, and indeed all persons who desire the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom and the good of mankind generally, to exert their influence to form Temperance Societies, in order that the Temperance Reformation may be spread far and wide, till there shall not be found a single distillery of ardent spirits on the happy shores of America, nor a single individual who will so much debase himself as to engage in the traffic of that peace destroying and soul damning monster.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAS. BLYTHE, Chm.

ON PERIODICALS.

Of the importance of Religious Periodicals, your committee deem it unnecessary to make many remarks, as we think that the great mass of the people is already satisfied on this point. In addition to the importance of religious periodicals as a means of diffusing religious knowledge and general information, is the special importance of a religious newspaper among ourselves, to advocate and sustain the operations of our denomination.—With this conviction, we rejoice that the Recorder has again resumed its circulation, and hope that the denomination throughout the State will feel it their duty to give their influence in its circulation, for which we beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the Biblical Recorder and Watch-

man, edited by our esteemed brother, the Rev. Thomas Meredith, and most cordially recommend it to all enquirers after religious knowledge and general information.

Resolved, That we recommend our brethren and friends to make a speedy and vigorous effort for its more general circulation.

All of which is rospectfully submitted,

JEHU CHASTAIN, chm.

ON EDUCATION.

Your committee finding it impossible to write an interesting and valuable report on the important subject committed to them in the time allotted beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the permanance of our free institutions, both civil and religious, depends on the proper and timely education of the rising generation.

Resolved, That the future success in the propagation of our peculiar religious tenets as a denomination, depends under God, upon the piety and intelligence of our successors in the ministry.

Resolved, That it is the duty of our churches to "pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more labourers into the harvest," and also, that it is their duty (when necessary) to aid them in acquiring a suitable education.

Resolved, That we heartily commend to our friends, brethren, and churches, Wake Forest College, as a fit place to educate their sons and young ministers.

N. A. PURIFY, chm.

ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions ask leave to report: that, having had a very favorable opportunity to learn the actual condition of the various sections of our State, we feel it to be our duty to say, that in our opinion there never was a time since our Convention was first brought into existence, when missionaries were so much needed, or when the prospect of usefulness in this department of labor was so great, as at the present time. The general feeling, even within the bounds of those Associations which have heretofore opposed all the institutions of the day, is now decidedly favorable, at least, to candid investigation. Under these circumstances your Committee much regret the inability of the Convention to occupy the whole ground before them. If the means at command would justify it, your committee would urge the oppointment of more missionaries than have ever been appointed by this body. As it is, your committee would recommend that two missionaries be appointed, for at least four or five months each; one to labor in the eastern, and the other in the western part of the State.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ELI PHILLIPS, Ch'm.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committe on Foreign Missons, tender the following brief report: In view of the full and able document on this subject, published in our last minutes, it has not seemed to your committee disirable to go at great length into the developement of this important subject. The general state of our Foreign Missions, remains substantially as it was one year since. Cheering evidences of the divine approbation seem to rest on the efforts of our dear brethren in foreign lands, to communicate the knowledge of salvation by a crucified Redeemer. The providence of God, which has thrown open the immense empire of China with its thousands of millions of unevangelized population, reading a common language, to the efforts of our Missionaries, is one of the most striking indications of the will of God, that we should GO FORWARD in this mighty labor of Christian benevolence.

The Karens, a wiid, simple hearted people, who seem to be eminently prepared of the Lord for the reception of the gospel, and who by hundreds are now presenting themselves to our Missionaries for baptism, giving satisfactory evidence that they are truly converted, cannot fail to awaken the liveliest gratitude, and we trust have already occasioned many thanksgivings to God. So the deliverence of our beloved missionaries in Germany and Denmark from imprisonment, experienced by them at the hands of professed christians, only for their faithful and conscientious adherence to the doctrines and ordinances of Jesus Christ, gives us fresh occasion to rejoice in the overwhelming power of Him who makes the wrath of men tributary to His praise.

With no part of the Foreign Missionary operations of our brethren have we felt more sincere satisfaction, than with their persevering and successful endeavours to give the word of God faithfully translated to heathen nations. The Burman Bible now complete, translated by our beloved Judson, the Siamese Testament by brother Jones, and the Karen Testament by brethren Mason and Wade, besides several others now in progress, show the laborious nature of the enterprise in which our dear missionary brethren are engaged. They have toiled long and faithfully to furnish this spiritual repast for the perishing heathen, and now they invite us to enter into their labors and share the joys of gratified benevolence in feeding hungry souls with the bread of life. We have understood that 5000 dollars will this year be required to enable the missionaries to print the *first editions* of the New Testament complete in Siam, and among the Karens.—May it not be hoped that this appeal will give fresh energy and zeal to the contributors to the American and Foreign Bible Society, now engaged in furnishing the funds for this important purpose.

In our last report it was mentioned that the funds of our Foreign Mission Board were exhausted, and the treasurer of the Board some thousands of dollars in advance: and although we have reason to fear that a knowledge of this painful and humiliating deficiency has not aroused the Baptists in North Carolina to any considerable increase in their contributions for this object, still we cannot but rejoice to learn that help has arisen from

other quarters, and the receipts into the Foreign Missionary Treasury within the last few months evince a gratifying increase of liberality on the part of our brethren in other States towards this great and holy cause.

Renewedly entreating all our brethren to reperuse the valuable report of the Committee of our Convention last year on Foreign Missions, and to carry its excellent recommendations into effect, we close by exhorting all our dear brethren to escape the curse of Meroz, by coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

All which is respectfully submitted for the Committee,

THOMAS STRADLEY, Ch'm.

REPORT OF THE AGENT AND MISSIONARIES.

The services of Rev. N. A. Purify, Agent, were procured at Commencement last June. He commenced his labours for the Convention about the last of July and traveled until the Convention met in Oct. During this time, he visited most of the churches comprising the Sandy Creek, Beulah and Flat River Associations. He informs us in his report, that most of the churches were in a lukewarm state—that some were destitute of pastors—that he laid before them the claims of the Convention—circulated subscriptions among them to sustain its several objects—and was by all of them most affectionately received. From the observation he made, he thinks it important that an Agent be kept constantly in the field, and from the destitution he witnessed, that more missionary labour be employed.

Rev. Eli Phillips, Missionary, commenced his labours in May, making up to September three tours, and performing for the Convention four months' service. He informs us that he visited the churches in the counties of Anson, Stanly, Stokes, Montgomery, Davidson, Davie and Surry. In relation to the three last named counties, he says, I have been kindly received.—There appears to be but little opposition to the objects of the Convention, and but little doing in favour of them. I however endeavoured to stir up the minds of the brethren and friends on the subject, and some have promised to contribute to the objects of the Convention. In some places the Churches are in a cold and declining state, and have but a partial supply of preaching; while in other places they seem to be enjoying a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In relation to the four first named counties, he says, It is with pleasure I can say to you that on my last tour, I met with all the encouragement that I could expect as to the apparent success of the gospel. Generally speaking, old professors seem to be warmed up and much engaged in behalf of sinners, while there appears to be a shaking in the valley of dry bones. I never have seen plainer indications of a more powerful work of grace amongst sinners. I attended two protracted meetings in Davidson and also the Liberty Association, and at these meetings, I witnessed, as I trust, the conversion of more than twenty precious souls. Stokes county with the upper part of Davidson, is the most destitute of Baptist preaching of any place I know of, and I have no doubt, that if the people of those regions could have preaching of the right sort it would be much blest; the minds of the people seemed to be prepared to receive the gospel.

Rev. Richard Jacks, Missionary, laboured for the Convention five months. In his report, he writes, I spent the latter part of February, March, and the first part of April in Chatham and Randolph counties. On this tour I visited most of the churches composing the Sandy Creek Association, and found most of them in a cold state of religion. This body is favorable and liberal to the objects of the Convention. Several churches in this Association are destitute of preaching, and I do think if they could have regular preaching, they would have some good revivals among them. May and June I travelled in Wilkes and Surry counties,—attended a Union meeting and a Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting. At these meetings the Lord poured out his Spirit on the people: several professed to find faith in Christ. The last of July and August I travelled through the counties of Surry, Davidson and Randolph. On this tour I had several protracted meetings and attended the Liberty Association. At those meetings, there were about 63 converts. During September I attended protracted meetings in the counties of Ashe and Smith, Va. At one of these meetings there were 19 converts. The last of September I attended the Brier Creek Association in Wilkes county; here also we had a very interesting meeting. In all my travels through life, I have never witnessed such blessings on missionary labours. I have scarcely been at a meeting but what some professed a hope in Christ.—Opposition is going down on every side. All that is now wanting in the Mountain Association to put down opposition, is enough of missionary labour and preaching of the right stamp.

Rev. Geo. M. Thompson, Missionary, laboured lor the Convention three months. In his report, he writes, I have just returned home from a series of meetings, some of which have been of a most interesting character. I was at a protracted meeting with the church at Antioch, Halifax county, which continued seven days. The services were introduced on Friday by holding an inquiry meeting, which was blest in awakening the church.—The meeting increased in interest from day to day as long as it continued. Thirteen professed to have a hope in Christ: a large majority were young men who promise much usefulness. Our meeting at Hickory Chapel continued five days, and though but few professed religion, yet we believe that the word preached will be as bread cast upon the waters, that will be seen many days to come. I then proceeded to the Falls of Tar River.—On the fifth day of the meeting brother Amos J. Battle came to our assistance, and we proceeded to the constitution of a church. An appropriate sermon was delivered by bro. Battle, and nine members were constituted into a gospel church, after which a door was opened for the reception of members and six were received by experience. Many were present at the River's side next morning to witness the baptismal scene. Afterwards, we repaired to the meeting house and after preaching ordained a brother to the office of deacon and celebrated the dying love of Jesus. My Missionary labours have been mostly confined to the Kehukee Association.—The people within its bounds are desirous of hearing us, and I am decidedly of the opinion, that it is high time for us to awake out of sleep and advance onward preaching Christ and him crucified.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	H. MIS.	F. MIS.	EDU.	TOTAL.
Wake Forest College,	1 50	4 50	34 25	40 25
Raleigh Church,			13 00	13 00
Raleigh Association,	4 00	4 00	4 14	12 14
An Old Man,	5 00			5 00
Salem Association, 1842,	9 24	10 76		20 00
Salem Association, 1843,	3 40	3 40	3 40	10 20
Elisha King,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Sabbath collection	5 86 1-3	5 86 1-3	5 86 1-3	17 59
Cath. Cr'k and Little River,	10 00			10 00
New Beth., Sal. & Ca. Cr'k,	3 73 1-3	3 73 1-3	3 73 1-3	11 20
Liberty Association,	16 30			16 30
By Eli Phillips,	45			45
Mathew Skeen,	1 00			1 00
Valley River Association }	20 00			20 00
For prin. Burman Bibles, }		10 00		10 00
W. P. Biddle,	10 00			10 00
Newbern,	23 00	23 00	23 05	69 05
Mt. Pleasant,	5 00	4 00	5 00	14 00
A. W. Whitesides,	2 00			2 00
Island Ford,	11 45			11 45
H. McBride,	50			50
Nancy Spear,	50	50		1 00
D. C. Cockerham,	25			25
John Cockerham,	25			25
Nathan Rutlege,	25			25
Mark May,	25			25
A. Woodruff,		50		50
C. H. Woodruff,		50		50
M. J. Hurt,		50		50
N. C. Miller,		50		50
C. McBride,		50		50
William Hurt,		50		20
Sandy Creek Asso.	25 78	4 55	2 45	32 78
Mt. Gilead,	3 00	3 00	50	6 50
R. Dowd,	2 00	3 00		5 00
P. Smith,	25			25
E. Dowd,	1 00			1 00
T. Dowd,	1 00			1 00
Mary Brite,		30		30
B. Dowd,	10			10
A Friend,	25			25
Mars Hill,	85	1 50	11 35	13 70
Mt. Moriah,	2 55		2 55	5 10
Cane Creek,	65	45	1 65	2 75
Flat River Association,	6 70	6 70	6 70	20 10
Geo. W. Jones,			1 47 1-2	1 47 1-2
Fred. Staton,		1 00		1 00
E. L. Parker,	50			50
James Frost,	1 00			1 00
Alex. Leach,	1 00			1 00
Brassfield's,	55	90	55	2 00

CHURCHES.	H. MIS.	F. MIS.	EDU.	TOTAL.
Mt. Zion,	25	25	1 35	1 85
Concord,	1 00	25	4 50	5 75
Island Creek,	4 41	4 91	3 93	13 25
Tab's Cr'k Mission. Society,	2 75		2 75	5 50
Corinth,	1 62 1-2	1 37 1-2	1 75	4 75
Baptist Chapel,	8 00	2 00		10 00
R. Murchison,	2 00			2 00
Eliz. Smitteals,	25			25
L. Greer,	25			25
Richard Jacks,			10 00	10 00
G. W. Reaves,		50		50
G. H. Hamilton,	50			50
M. E. Bartlet,	16 1-4			16 1-4
E. M. Shuford,	50		50	1 00
Cape Fear Bp. As.		11 20		11 20
Fayetteville B. Female Mission. So. 1843	6 20	6 20	6 20	18 60
Fayetteville Female M. S.	8 59	8 59	8 60	25 78
Goshen Association,	13 07 1-2		13 07 1-2	26 15
T. Marley,	1 00			1 00
Thos. Miller,	1 00			1 00
Sh. Johnson,		25		25
Nancy McMasters,		50		50
Sarah Civet,		50		50
H. Foot,	25			25
T. W. Foot,	20			20
T. Wooten,	20			20
Bethel,	2 12 1-2	35	72 1-2	3 20
Bethlehem,		10 00		10 00
Chowan Association,	13 26	13 26	13 26	39 78
B. P. Johnson,		10		10
J. Shupe,	12 1-2			12 1-2
Andy Shupe,	12 1-2			12 1-2
James Martin,	1 00	50	50	2 00
James M. Parks,	1 00	50	50	2 00
Carth. Creek,	4 00	3 00	3 00	10 00
Pedee Association,	5 00	5 00	4 00	14 00
	264 96	163 39	199 30	627 65

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in account with Jas. S. Purify, Treas.

	H. M.	F. M.	EDU.	TOTAL.
To interest on Home Mission funds loaned,	2 98			2 98
Balance on hand last year,	204 94	8 00		212 94
Amount contributions this year,	264 96	163 39	199 30	627 65
	472 88	171 39	199 30	843 57

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By cash paid J. J. Finch printing Minutes 1843,	42 32	42 32	42 33	126 97
" T. Stradley and T. Kinson, in full for Home Mission labor, 1841.	90 00			90 00
" R. Sanders for cash loaned Con. 1841,	10 00			10 00
" R. D. Bumpas, " " "	5 00			5 00
" M. D. Freeman for board of J. H. Hunnicutt, beneficiary in full, '41,			38 34	38 34
" W. T. Brooks for board of M. T. Yates, beneficiary, in full for 1843,			80 00	80 00
" N. A. Purify, Agent, in full, 1843,	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
" E. King for H. M. services of Wm. Kimsy, in full for 1835 or '36,	56 80			56 80
" R. Jacks, H. M. in full, 1843,	100 00			100 00
" E. Phillips, H. M. in full, 1843,	80 00			80 00
" Geo. W. Thompson, H. M. in full, 1843,	60 00			60 00
" R. Babcock to print Burman Bible,		10 00		10 00
" Treasurer for amount over paid last year,			3 59	3 59
" Error as shown in financial report,	75	70	70	2 15
" J. B. White, Treas. Wake Forest College in part of M. T Yates' tuition for 1842,*			17 34	17 34
" Check sent Foreign Mission Board,		100 37		100 37
	454 87	163 39	192 30	810 56
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	18 01	8 00	7 00	33 01

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

*The Education department is in debt for tuition for 1843 and part of 1842.

SYNOPSIS OF BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Names.	When constituted.	Date of Report.	Number of Churches.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Baptised.	Total. W'ts & B's.	Clerks and Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
Abbott's Creek,†	1825	1842	11	4		7	306	Joseph Davis, Abbott's Creek.	Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in August.
Bear Creek,†	1834	1841	10	3	1	1	242	Robert Jones, Cabarrus County,	" " 1st " " October.
Beulah,	1833	1842	10	4		62	574	Geo. W. Purify, Chapel Hill.	" " " " " August.
Brier Creek,	1809	1843	18	5		79	703	Jas. Martin, P. M. Brier Creek.	" " " " " Sept.
Cape Fear,	1805	1843	41	17	8	416	1706	James McDaniel, Fayetteville.	Friday " " " " October.
Catawba River,	1826	1841	24	13		43	776	Louis McCurry, Duncan's Creek.	" " 2d " " "
Chowan,	1806	1843	40	26	7	1329	5803	S. J. Wheeler, Murfreesborough.	" " 3d " " May.
Contentnea,†	1823	1842	16	5		9	513	Mark Bennet, Tarborough.	" " 4th " " October.
Country Line,†	1810	1842	19	12		21	1232	S. J. Chandler, Ebenezer.	Saturday " 3d " " August.
Fisher's River,†		1842	11	5		3	185	Henry Steele, Little Yadkin.	Friday " 4th " " Sept.
Flat River,	1794	1842	17	4	1	207	1997	T. B. Barnet, Abram's Plains.	Saturday " 2d " " August.
French Broad,	1810	1843	13	12		8	455	Luke L. Branson, Burnsville.	Friday " 4th " " "
Goshen,*	1819	1842	24	9		41	1276	Jas. G. Dickson, Faison's Depot.	" " 1st " " October.
Green Brier,	1841	1842	18	10		116	880	J. C. Grayson, Golden Grove.	" " 3d " " Nov.
Kehukee,†	1774	1842	40	16		96	1420	Joseph Biggs, Williamston	Saturday " 1st " " October.
Louis's Fork,	1836	1841	25	9		19	728	R. L. Steel, Harper's Store.	Friday " " " " "
Liberty,	1832	1843	12	3	4	21	602	A. Williams, Reid's ⋊ Roads.	Saturday " 3d " " August.
Little River,†	1829	1840	20	12			400	T. H. Kennedy, Smithfield.	Friday " " " " October.
Mayo,†		1842	10	4		6	498	William Fewd, Madison.	Sat. b. 3d L's day in May & Sat. b. 1st L's day in Oct.
Mountain,†	1799	1841	9			58	1692	A. McMillan, Jefferson.	Friday before the 1st Lord's day in Sept.
Neuse,*	1794	1842	6	4		4	279	S. S. Biddle, Core Creek.	Saturday " " " " Nov.
Pee Dee,	1815	1842	13	5	3	16	976	A. N. Nicholson, Bostick's Mills.	Friday " 2d " " October.
Raleigh,	1809	1843	23	20	4	421	2710	S. P. Norris, P. M. Holly Springs.	Saturday " " " " "
Salem,		1843	15	8	1	12	602	James Brevard, P. M. Fairview.	Friday " " " " August.
Sandy Creek,	1758	1842	22	11	4	37	1464	N. Richardson, Temperance Hill.	Saturday " 4th " " Sept.
Tar River,	1831	1843	16	6	4	255	1864	T. G. Pritchford, Warrenton.	" " 1st " " October,
Three Fork,	1841	1843	12	7		107	667	R. Gentry, Jefferson.	Friday " " " " Nov.
Tuckasiege,	1829	1842	20	8	4	29	481	George F. Caler, Franklin.	" " 4th " " August,

Valley River,	1840	1843	16	8	3	51	384	James Whitaker, Jamesville.	"	"	"	"	"	Sept.
White Oak,†		1842	16	7	1	16	387	Robert Amans, Onslow County,	Saturday	"	2d	"	"	October.
Yadkin,	1790	1842	15	12		28	520							
Council,*							160							
Bethel,‡		1841	43			63	2072	Reuben Barrow.						

* These bodies marked thus, will probably amalgamate and form one Association during the year.
† Those marked thus, are Anti-Missionary.
‡ Those marked thus are, Free Will Baptists.

The above TABLE shows the number of Baptist Associations in North Carolina, when constituted, the date of report, number of Churches, Ordained Ministers, Licentiates, Baptised, total Whites and Blacks, Clerks and Post Offices, and the time of meeting.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Society was not organized, but the Convention gave place that a sermon might be preached in its behalf by the Rev. Rufus Babcock, and a collection taken up to increase its funds.

The following receipt will show the state and disposal of the funds of the Society.

Received of the Rev. Samuel Wait, President of the North Carolina Bible Society, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society, the following sums contributed for its objects:

Contributed at the Convention after Sermon,	$12 55
Contributed by the Valley River Baptist Association (to aid in Printing the Burman Bible,)	10 00
Contributed by the Raleigh Association (for Eastern Asia,)	20 21
Contributed after Sermon by the Raleigh Church and congregation,	15 85
By Nicholas A. Purify,	1 00
By Emily W. Brooks,	1 00
By Joseph Evans,	50
Amounting to Sixty-one Dollars 11 cents.	61 11

RUFUS BABCOCK, *Cor. Sec.* of
the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Boiling Spring Camp Ground,
Henderson Co., N. C., 16th Oct. 1843.

LIST OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

LICENTIATES ARE IN *ITALIC*.

Alex. Abernathy, Catawba River Asso'n.
M. J. Abernathy, " " "
Z. B. Adams, Brier Creek P. O.
Wm. F. Adams, " "
Jesse Adams, " "
Jesse Adams, Smithfield.
John Adams, Hay Meadow.
Jesse Ammons, French Broad Asso'n.
Joshua Ammons, Tuckasiege "
Levi Andrews, Clover Garden.
T. Andrews, Asheville.
James Armstrong, White Oak Asso'n.
Jordan Ashley, Louis' Fork Association.
Wilie A. Atkinson, Rolesville.
Wm. Ayers, Whitesville.
Stephen Bazemore, Windsor.
Jas. R. Barber, Smithfield.
Wm. Bass, Contentnea Association.
Samuel Baldwin.
John Barrow, Wilmington.
Joseph G. Barclay, Jackson.
A. J. Battle, Wilmington.
Mark Bennnet, Tarborough.
Lem. B. Bennet, Heathsville.
B. Beach, Louis' Fork Association.
Joseph Biggs, Williamston.
Wm. P. Biddle, Core Creek.
James Blythe, Hendersonsville.
Luke L. Branson, Burnsville.
Jacob Briniger, Jefferson.
J. H. Brooks, Woodville.
Warren Brooks, Emerson's Tan Yard.
Wm. T. Brooks, Forestville.
G. L. Bracon, Whitesville.
Samuel Brown, Northington.
Green Bracon, Jonesville.
Baily Bruce, Fairview.
Darius Bryant, "
James Bunn, Flemmington.
Wm. Burns, Roxborough.
Benj. Bynum, Snow Hill.
Geo. F. Coler, Franklin.
J. Cantrell, Flat Rock.
Thomas Carlton, Burke C. H.
Eli Carrol, Jackson Hill.
B. Carrol, Kenansville.
Joshua Carter, Hamptonville.
Geo. W. Carrowan, Turnpike.
R. P. Cloud, Catawba River Association.
D. Cook, Three Fork Association.
Willis Coggin, Gulf.
Blount Cooper, Hamilton,
S. D. Collins, Whitesville.
N. P. Corn, Flat Rock.
Adam Corn, Hewassee.
P. C. Connelly, Dockery's Store.
David Cox.
Thomas Craig, Catawba River Asso'n.
A. M. Craig, Britton's ⋊ Roads.
Josiah Crudup, Linbank.
J. Crutchfield, Sandy Creek Association.
Enoch Crutchfield, Patterson's Store.
J. Q A. Drake, Culpepper's Bridge.
John H. Daniel, Tarborough.
E. Davis, Lanesborough.
William Dent, Warrenton.
James Dennis, Hay's Store.
Wm. Dickens, Tarborough.
Benj. S. Dozier, Shiloh.
P. W. Dowd, Holly Spring.
Samuel Duty, Oxford.
D. Dobbins, Rutherfordton.
George Douglas, Trap Hill.
Thomas DuPre, Falkland.
William DuPre, Holly Spring.
Louis DuPre, Raleigh.
Samuel Dusenbury, Leesville.
Henderson Edwards, Belford.
William H. Edwards, Flat Rock.
Joseph Evans, " "
David Elder, Tuckasiege.
John F. Ellington, Smithfield.
Jonathan Faw, Jefferson.
Jacob Faw, "
M. D. Freeman, Louisburg.
R. Farthing, Three Fork Association.
George Fennell, Harrell's Store.
S. Furguson, Louis' Fork Association.
J. J. Finch, Newbern.
William J. Findley, Harrell's Store.
Evan Forbes, Shiloh.
William Garner, Hamptonville.
Seth Garret, Franklin.
Richard Gentry, Jefferson.
Atlas J. Gilbert, Emerson's Tan Yard.
Samuel Gibson, Franklin.

Jehu Chastain, Jamesville.
S. J. Chandler, McMurray's Store.
Stephen Chandler, Roxborough.
E. N. Chaffin, Yadkin Association.
Henderson Cheek, Fisher's River Asso'n.
Wm. Church, Louis' Fork Association.
J. Clark, Catawba River Association.
J. B. Clifton, Busbee's Store.
John Harrell, Suffolk, Virginia.
David Harrell, Windsor.
William H. Hardee, Jackson.
Joseph Harrison, Hamptonville.
A. Harris, Lilesville.
Joseph Harrison, Fort Defiance.
Joshua Hall.
William H. Hamner, Mocksville.
Dwight Hays, Whitesville.
William Haynes, Franklin.
John Haynes, Jefferson.
Lemuel Hardison, White Oak Association.
Elijah Hester, Dutchville.
Thomas Henson, Franklin.
Edwin Harrison, So. Quay, Va.
Robert Hinesley, Country Line Asso'n.
Wade Hill, Military Grove.
Joel Hill.
A. Hildebrand, Linonton.
Thomas Hogwod, Pitch Landing.
Ed. Howell, So. Quay, Va.
William D. Holder, Franklin.
Stephen Horn, Huntsville.
Samuel Hold.
P. Hodnet, Pittsborough.
L. Horton, Wakefield.
William Hollingsworth, Elizabethtown.
Jesse Howell, Holly Spring.
Eli Holland, Smithfield.
Ezek. Holland, Wadesborough.
Bryan Holland, Smithfield.
C. Howell, Franklin.
William Hudgins, Warrenton.
G. W. Huffham, Faison's Depot.
L. A. Hudson, Fairview.
G. W. Hughes, Murphy.
John Hunnicut, Forestville.
William Hyman, Tarborough.
Richard Jacks, Jefferson.
William H. Jordan, Williamsboro'.
M. W. Jones, New Lebanon.
William Jones, Chapel Hill.
Richard Jordan, Elizabeth City.
Calvin Jones, Jefferson.
T. B. Justice, Edmysville.
Robert Jordan, Cathey's Creek.
J. H. Kennedy, Smithfield.
A. Kinney, Jacksonville.
James Kimsey, Hiwassee.
William Goforth, New Hope.
Jacob Green, Three Fork Association.
Lanier Griffith, Contentnea Association.
James Griffin, Greenville.
Daniel Griffin, "
Joseph C. Grayson, Golden Grove.
Philip Grimes, Hay Meadow.
Lowry Grimsley, Jefferson.
John Lee.
C. Livingston, Harper's Store.
G. W. Lovingood, Murphy.
John Lyon, Flat Rock.
Thomas Mason, Fayetteville.
Mark May, Jonesville.
N. Martin, Fayetteville.
M. Mason, Cathey's Creek.
W. McNeely, Mayo Association.
W. McNeely. Leeksville.
Robert McKee, Country Line Association.
Robert McNabb, Kenansville.
James McDaniel, Fayetteville.
J. F. McCall, Wadesboro'.
Barzillai McBride, Jefferson.
Thomas Meredith, Raleigh.
William H. Merritt, Chapel Hill.
John Meares, Bladen C. H.
Ellan Mecoms, Stanhope.
Moses L. Mizell, Windsor,
William Mince, Flat Rock,
Peter Miller, Burnsville.
Jacob E. Mingas, Franklin.
Zebulon Minor, Fair Grove.
John Monroe, Montpelier.
John Montague, Oxford.
Jehabod Moore, Saratoga.
Samuel Moore, "
Clayton Moore, Williamston.
Samuel Moore, Tyson's Store.
Stephen Morgan, Asheville.
William A. Morris, Diamond Hill.
S. P. Morton, Albemarle.
D. J. Mott, Tarborough.
William E. Mull, Franklin.
James Murray, Greenville.
George Nance, Raliegh.
James Nash, Elizabeth City.
Zach. Neal, Brown's Store.
D. R. Newton, Princess Ann.
B. Nixon, Edenton.
Aaron Norden, Fayetteville.
Aquilla Norman, Surry County.
Nathan Norwood, Roxboro'.
John Nowell, Coleraine,
Mark Nowell, Eagle Rock.
William E. Oakly, Forestville.
Solomon G. O'Brian, Warrenton.
Peter Owen, Cowansville.

James King, Blue Wing.
Thomas King, Halifax, Va.
Leonard Kingsbury, Rumford.
Jonathan King, Rutherfordton.
A. King, Roxborough.
B. T. Kirby, Beattie's Ford.
B. Lanier, Mount Lebanon.
D. Lennon, Big Swamp.
H. Lennon, Princess Ann.
William Pierce, Windsor.
Plummer Pierce, Bellford.
Lewis Pipkin, Averysboro'.
Paul Phifer, Country Line P. O.
W. K. Philpot, Tarboro'.
Dixon Phillips, Smithfield.
Eli Phillips, Temperance Hill.
A. pleasant, Harper s Store.
Stephen Pleasant, Roxboro'.
Philip Powell, Hamptonville.
Jesse Powell, Conneconara.
Furney Prevat, Fayetteville.
John L. Pritchard, Danville, Va.
John Pritchard, Charlotte.
John Purify, Northington.
George W. Purify, Chapel Hill.
N. A. Purify, Forestville.
James S. Purify, "
Parham Pucket, Jacksonville.
John Raynes, Franklin.
William Rees, Burnsville.
A. P. Repiton, Wilmington.
D. J. Rhea.
Enoch Rives, Jefferson.
R. E. Rives.
Noah Richardson, Temperance Hill.
William Richards, Walnut Lane.
Merrit Rickman, Mills River.
H. Robbins.
J. Robertson, Kenansville.
Jesse Rogers, Sampson C. H.
James Ross, Windsor.
Stephen Ross, Grayson C. H., Va.
John Rowan, Lexington.
Asa Sadbury, Onslow C. H.
Lemuel Sanderlin, Shiloh.
D. Sanderlin, Jonesboro.
J. H. Sasser, Smithfield.
Nath. Senter, Jefferson.
Stephen Senter, Holly Spring.
Artemas Shattuck, Temperance Hill.
John Smith, Greenville.
Josiah Smith, White Oak Association.
S. P. Smith, Wilkesboro'.
Patrick Smith, Kinderhook.
Solomon Snyder, Greensville.
Henry Speight, Middle Swamp.
Henry Spivy, Henderson.

John R. Owen, Lexington.
Robert Pardew, Brier Creek.
William H. Pardew, Jonesville.
H. P. Parham, Burnsville.
Robert Patterson, "
Selby Patrick, Columbia.
H. W. Patterson, Montforts Cove.
Asahel Peacock, Tarborough.
J. F. Pendergrass, Franklin.
Solomon D. Swain, Jonesville.
Ashly Swain, Jamestown.
William P. Swanson, Duncan's Creek.
Henry Swinson, Snow Hill.
Samuel Tatum, Elizabeth City.
Newton Taylor, Greenville.
B. Temple, Raleigh.
Solomon Terrell, Eagle Rock.
N. H. Tindall, Wrights Folly.
James M. Thomas, Charlotte.
Elza Taylor, Contentnea Association.
Nathan Thompson, Yadkin.
George M. Thompson, Murfreesboro'.
David Thomson, Smithfield.
Quinton H. Trotman, Mintonsville.
William Turner, Lexington.
Oliver Turner, Lumberton.
James Vannoy, Harper's Store.
Thomas Waff, Edenton.
Samuel Wait, Forestville.
John Wallace, Washington.
George W. Wallace, Kenansville.
Aaron Wamble, Emerson's Tan Yard.
B. Ward.
Peter Ward, Jonesville.
Thomas Weaver, Chapel Hill.
James M. Webb, Rutherfordton.
Willis Wells, Roxboro'.
Daniel Westray, Franklin.
Robert Wellborn, Jonesville.
Isaac W. West, Warsaw.
Samuel Wilder, Eagle Rock.
James Wilder, Anderson's Store.
Lewis F. Williams, Clinton.
David S. Williams, Averysboro'.
Azariah Williams, Reids ⋈ Roads.
Wm. Wilson, Marley's Mills.
James Wilson, Sampson C. H.
Thomas Wilcox, Belford.
Elijah Wicker, Powel's Point.
Jacob Wilkie, Franklin.
Josiah Wilcoxson, Jefferson.
Jonathan Wilkinson, Norwood.
John B. White, Forestville.
Wm. White, Ballard's Bridge.
Henry White, Windsor.
Wm. White, "
Harvey White, St. Johns.

Colby Sparks, Brier Creek.
James Stadler, Anderson's Store.
Hiram Stallings, Hallsville.
Jonathan Stevenson, Raleigh.
A. B. Stephens, Leesville.
Isham Stone, Lumberton.
Thomas Stradley, Asheville.
B. Styles, Jamesville.
John Suckatowy, Franklin.
Wm. Whitaker, Williamston.
Jacob G. Woodall, Smithfield.
Hezekiah Woodard, Lumberton.
J. Woodard.
Thomas Wright, Brier Creek.
Isaac Wright.
Daniel Windsor, Cheshire.
Josiah Wiseman, Cotton Grove.
Matthew T. Yates, Forestville.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Convention held its fourteenth annual meeting in the Baptist Church at Raleigh, commencing on Friday the 18th of October, 1844.

Friday, 11 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Delegates and others assembled, and heard the Introductory Sermon, which was preached by the Rev. R. McNabb, from 2 Cor. v. 15.

2 *o'clock, P. M.*

The delegates again assembled, were called to order by the President; and after prayer by bro. J. McDaniel, on motion, appointed brethren Barnett and White a Committee of Finance; when the credentials of the Delegates were called for and the following names enrolled as

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

ASSOCIATIONS.	DELEGATES.
Raleigh,	J. Robertson, G. W. Scarborough.
Salem,	M. Rickman, J. Blythe, J. Evans, J. Sicatowa.
Flat River,	T. B Barnett, W. H. Jordan, W. Jones, J. Jackson.
Beulah,	J. J. James.
Union,	R. McNabb, H. Moore, H. E. Royal, A. J. Battle, J Hines, N. Faison and T. C. Garrison.
Cape Fear,	H. Leanod, J. McDaniel, J G. Powell.
Tar River,	J. Soloman.
Chowan,	G. M. Thompson, Q. H. Trotman, S. J. Wheeler.
Brier Creek,	S. P. Smith, R. Jacks.
Yadkin,	John Woodruff.
Liberty,	William Turner.
Tuckasiege,	William Haynes.
Pedee,	Thomas Meredith.
Valley River,	E. Hedden, J. Whitaker.
CHURCHES.	
Wake Forest,	S. Wait, J. B. White, Wm. T. Brooks.
Raleigh,	L. DuPre, J. J. Biggs, M. B. Royster.
Rogers' ⋊ Roads,	L. C. Hinton.
Liberty,	D. Justice.
Union,	T. Crocker.
Newbern,	J. J. Finch, Z. Slade, W. J. Finley, J. C. Stevenson.
Tusquittee,	Jehu Chastain.
Milton,	N. J. Palmer.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Yanceyville,	E. Dodson.
Friendship,	A. Williams, D. S. Williams.
Fayetteville F. M. So'y.	J. McDaniel, R. McDaniel.
Carthlege Creek,	Alfred Dockery.
Connaritsa,	Wm. W. Mitchell.
Cashie,	D. Harrel.
Conneconara,	J. G. Barkley.
Meherrin,	N. M. Havens.
Bethlehem, M. S.	Wm. Dunning, Dr. A. J. Askew, T. Hoggwood,
Mt. Tabor,	R. B. Cobb.
Reese's Church,	Uriah Huffman.
Island Ford,	Mark May.
Eaton,	N. A. Purify.
Sandy Cr'k F. B. Society,	W. Lineberry, J. Thompson, A. G. Hinton.
Beulah,	L. F. Williams.
Olive,	R. D. Bumpass, J. G. Wilkinson.
Baptist,	R. Jacks.
Reaves' Chapel,	R. Dowd.
INDIVIDUALS.	
Wm. P. Biddle.	Sey.
S. P. Biddle.	A. P. Repiton.
Mrs. E. Washington.	J. Dennis.
Mrs. W. A. Graham.	M. T. Yates.
W. H. Merritt.	G. W. Purify.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

ALFRED DOCKERY, *President.*
THOMAS MEREDITH, *1st Vice President.*
SAMUEL WAIT, *2nd Vice President.*
GEORGE M. THOMPSON, *3rd Vice President.*
SAMUEL J. WHEELER, *Cor. Secretary.*
JOHN B. WHITE, *Rec. Secretary.*
JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

T. Crocker,	W. M. Crenshaw,	D. Justice,
D. S. Williams,	J. J. Finch,	L. F. Williams,
Wm. Jones,	G. W. Purify,	W. T. Brooks,
T. B. Barnett,	J. J. Biggs,	R. D. Bumpass,
J. McDaniel,	J. Dennis,	G. C. Moore,
R. McNabb,	W. A. Atkinson,	L. C. Hinton.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

From the General Association of Virginia, Rev. J. B. Taylor, Rev. J. B. Jeter, Rev. J. L. Prichard, F. H. Robertson, and G. Ficklin.

From the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, Rev. J. C. Furman, Rev. R. Furman and R. G. Edwards.

Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. B. Taylor.

On motion, ministering brethren were invited to a seat, and the following came forward: W. L. Hartson, and J. Terrell.

On motion, appointed brethren L. DuPre, Biggs, Palmer, and Wheeler, a Committee to arrange the religious services during the Session.

Also, appointed brethren Finch, McDaniel, and Prichard, a Committee of Arrangement.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Hartson.

Rev. A. P. Repiton preached at night.

Saturday, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Convention met. Prayer by bro. G. M. Thompson.

The Committee of Arrangement reported the order of business for the day. The various subjects of the report were taken up, and, after much interesting remarks, referred to the following Special Committees:

1st. On Beneficiaries, Palmer, Finch, and McNabb.

2nd. On Special Changes, McDaniel, Harrell, and J. Thompson.

3d. On the Agency, G. M. Thompson, G. Purify, and D. S. Williams.

4th. On co-operating with the Western part of the State, Dodson, Haynes, Chastain, Dunning, and McNabb.

5th. On securing a fuller representation of the churches, T. Meredith, G. Purify, and James.

At 11 o'clock adjourned to 3 o'clock, to attend public worship. Sermon by Rev. R. Furman.

3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by J. J. James.

Voted, That a public Conference be held to-night on the subject of Education.

After some general conversation on various subjects, and the announcement of the arrangement for the Sabbath, adjourned to 9 o'clock on Monday. Prayer by bro. Webb.

Saturday night, 7 o'clock.

The exercises were opened by singing and prayer by bro. Taylor.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As the evening is to be devoted to the discussion of the subject of Education, your Committee have omitted all remarks, except in regard to the following Institutions:

I. Wake Forest College.—In locating this Institution, the Trustees were truly fortunate, for its location is one of the most delightful and healthy in the State. In a neighborhood distinguished for its morality and intelligence, it is far removed from many of the temptations which beset the paths of youth, and surrounded by an enlightened and healthful moral and religious influence.

In arranging the departments of this institution into Collegiate and Academical, especial reference was had to the wants of the denomination and patrons. In the Collegiate department the studies pursued are the same as in other Colleges. In the Academical department the course of studies is twofold—Classical and English. The Classical course is arranged with special reference to preparing students for College, while the English varies to meet the circumstances of the pupil, his age and capacity, the time he will probably remain at the Institution, and his anticipated occupation in after life. Every facility is also afforded those who wish to qualify themselves to take charge of schools or to pursue a thorough English and Mathematical course without attending to the Languages.

The younger students in the Academical department are required to be present with the teacher during the usual hours allotted to study, while the older and more advanced are permitted to pursue their studies in private rooms to avoid any noise or interruption while classes are reciting.

The officers endeavor to cultivate a kind and familiar intercourse with the students, frequently visit them in private to aid and encourage them in their studies, and to urge upon them the importance of diligence, punctuality, and other manly habits, as necessary to their well being and success in subsequent life.

A record of the general conduct and scholarship of each student is kept and forwarded to those parents and guardians who may request the same.

The Annual Commencement is held on the 2nd Thursday of June.

The winter session opens on the third Monday of January, and the fall session on the last Monday of July.

II. Furman Theological Institution, *South Carolina.*—The Minutes of the S. C. Convention do not contain much information in regard to this Institution. Its object, however, is to afford to the rising ministry an opportunity to obtain a good theological education, that the "man of God may be thoroughly furnished" for his important and arduous duties. From an account of a recent examination, it appears that the institution is in successful operation and is conferring great and lasting benefits on those who have availed themselves of its advantages. There is no charge for tuition—the expenses of the scholastic year being only $85. The attention of our ministering brethren are earnestly invited to this Institution.

III. Milton Female Seminary.—By a resolution of your body, this Seminary has been brought to the attention of your Committee. It is located in Milton. The Principal, Rev. E. W. West, is known to your Committee as a distinguished scholar, and devoted christian. The Seminary commences operation in January next, and every effort will be made to render it worthy of public patronage. It is with confidence, therefore, recommended to our brethren and friends, and it is hoped that they will avail themselves of the advantages which it will afford to confer upon their daughters a thorough and accomplished education. Further particulars can be ascertained by addressing N. J. Palmer, Esq., Post Master, Milton, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

On motion of Rev. W. L. Hartson, of Va., *Resolved*, That the safety and perpetuity of our civil and religious institutions depend on the moral and mental training of the rising generation.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Furman, of S. C., *Resolved*, That ministerial education has not received the attention it deserves.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Jeter, of Va., *Resolved*, That ministerial education is of vital importance in the great evangelic enterprse of converting the world to Christ.

The exercises were closed by singing and benediction, by bro. Finch.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

In the Baptist Church the Convention Sermon was preached in the morning, by Rev. J. J. Finch, from 2 Tim. iv. 2. "Preach the word." In the evening a sermon was preached to the colored congregation, by Rev. D. S. Williams; and at night there was a sermon by Rev. J. B. Jeter, after which the Lord's Supper was administered by brethren J. C. Furman and Taylor.

In the Presbyterian church there was a sermon in the morning by Rev. J. B. Taylor, and in the evening by Rev. J. Sickatowa, the Indian preacher.

In the Methodist church there was a sermon by Rev. G. M. Thompson, in the morning, and at night by Rev. N. M. Havens.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. Prichard. Roll called and proceedings read. Special Committee called on to report.

1. The Committee on Beneficiaries submitted a verbal report, which was received and Committee discharged. The applicant was referred to the Board.

2. The Committee on Special Changes submitted the following report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL CHANGES.

Among the changes which have taken place during the past year, solemnly affecting the interests of the Convention and the cause of religion in general, are those providences of God which have removed several zealous and energetic brethren. To pass by these events unimproved would betray an insensibility derogatory to christian character. And, if your Committee have not misapprehended the design of their appointment, it is to collect and present these changes.

The first subject of these was our highly esteemed bro., Elder Warren Brooks, of Chatham, one of our missionaries. He was a zealous and devoted minister, and a warm friend and advocate of all the benevolent Associations of the day. For every good work his hand was ready. But in a career of usefulness, which shone brighter and brighter as he advanced, he was taken away. Though he lived only a little while yet he did much and his works render his memory blessed.

The next subject of these changes was our highly esteemed bro., Elder David Thomson, of Smithfield—whose name needs but be mentioned to produce a sensation in the bosoms of many now present. He was one of the few who first engaged in the promotion of the Convention, and Wake Forest College. Possessing an ardent temperament, he entered with his might into whatever his hand found to do; and having also a penetrating and discriminating mind, his efficiency was felt. No one was more zealous, more efficient. But it has pleased Him, whose ways are mysterious, to dissolve his connexion with earth, and to grant him a glorious and triumphant entrance among the saints in glory. In his closing exercises was strikingly verified the divine promise, "Them that honor me, I will honor."

Bro. Ransom Saunders, of Johnson, member elect to the Senate, is another whose loss we are called on to deplore. Possessing fine talents, ample pecuniary resources, extensive popularity, and, above all, genuine christian principles, and unblemished christian character, he was eminently qualified to promote the interests of the Convention and College. This he did by his pecuniary contributions, by his influence, and by his advocacy. But alas, the places that once knew him will know him no more forever.

Another instance is the death of our highly esteemed bro. John Oliver, of Duplin. In the early days of the Convention, when surrounded by those, who, if not opposed, were disaffected towards it, he, promptly and with a noble spirit, steped forth in their patronage and zealous defence. And in the recent effort made by the Trustees to free the College from debt, he rendered the Agent in his region very essential aid. In regard to these institutions his life was indeed a declaration, "if I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." But he rests from his labours. He has gone to join the assembly of the first born in heaven.

Nor are we permitted to finish this mournful record here. There is yet another—the death of our highly esteemed brother, Elder John Armstrong, late of Columbus, Miss. He was prominent in that little band that originated the Convention and subsequently the College, and bore a distinguished part in carrying them forward. For a time he filled the chair of Ancient Languages in the College. He was the refined gentleman, the accomplished scholar, the profound theologian, the powerful preacher, the eminent christian. His piety was of a pure and elevated character. But few have passed a career of greater usefulness and distinction, or have closed it more generally lamented.

Under these afflictive changes, your Committee feel that we have great cause for humiliation, and would therefore present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we entertain a lively sense of the excellences of our departed brethren.

Resolved, That we suspend business for a season of humiliation and prayer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. McDaniel, *Ch'm.*

United in prayer by brother Wait.

3. The Committee on the Agency submitted a report which was referred to the Board.

4. The report of the Committee on co-operating with the Western part of the State was laid on the table, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed to meet our western brethren at Boiling Spring Camp-ground, in the county of Henderson, on Friday after the fourth Lord's day in August next, to consult with them on the best means of co-operating with the Convention. The Committee are T. Meredith, J. J. James, S. Wait, N. A. Purify, A. J. Battle, R. McNabb, J. McDaniel, N. J. Palmer, and J. Robertson.

5. The Committee on securing a fuller representation of the Churches recommend the following as the best method which occurs to them: 1st. The employment of an efficient agent. 2d. That a greater effort be made on the part of our Agent, Missionaries and Pastors to influence all our churches to become auxiliary to the Convention by sending annual contributions and delegates. 3d. When this cannot be done then that auxiliary societies be formed. 4th. A spirited correspondence by the corresponding Secretary. 5th. A stirring annual report by the Board, and a more extensive circulation of missionary intelligence. T. MEREDITH, *Ch'm.*

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to bro. Finch for the Sermon* he preached on Sunday, and that a copy be requested for publication.

Voted, That the next annual meeting of the Convention be held in Raleigh, on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in October, 1845; appointed G. M. Thompson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and D. S. Williams his alternate. Appointed J. McDaniel to preach the Convention Sermon, and N. A. Purify his alternate.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Baptist State Convention of S. C.—brethren J. McDaniel, D. S. Williams, R. McNabb, T. Meredith, J. J. James, L. DuPre, N. A. Purify, A. Repiton, J. J. Finch, N. M. Havens, and J. Monroe.

General Association of Virginia—brethren W. H. Jordan, T. Settle, J. J. James, J. Kerr, C. Graves, E. Dodson, A. S. Yancey, N. J. Palmer, S. Wait, J. J. Finch, T. B. Barnett, G. Purify, and L. DuPre.

Eastern Convention of Tennessee—Brethren J. Chastain, N.

* This Sermon is expected to appear in the January number of the Baptist Preacher, published at Richmond, Va. Any one wishing copies can obtain them by applying to J. S. Purify, Forestville, or to N. J. Palmer, Milton, both are Post Masters.

Taylor, R. Jacks, J. Blythe, W. Haynes, M. Rickman, and W. Whitaker.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock. Prayer by bro. Harrell.

3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Convention met. Prayer by bro. Dodson.

Orders passed.—To pay balance due the Agent $100; to J. Chastain $60; to G. M. Thompson $60; J. Blythe $60; W. Haynes $38 50; to Treasurer of W. F. College, balance for tuition of M. T. Yates $, also for board $32; to T. Meredith $50 for printing the Minutes.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Believing that the principal thing needed to stir up our people to greater zeal and liberality for the Foreign Mission department of our labor, is correct information respecting its character, condition and prospects, we applied to the Board at Boston for a statement of facts on these points, and from the facts received the following extracts are presented:

"There are occupied by our Missionaries eighty-seven stations, at which the gospel is regularly preached, always on the Sabbath; at many of them frequently during the week, besides what is done by itinerancy.

"There are seventy-five churches, composed of about 5000 communicants; besides these, there are probably about 3000 Karens in Burmah proper converted, but not baptized, because they have no ordained minister among them to administer the ordinance. The missionaries being excluded from the Empire, and limited in their labors to the British Provinces, the work has been continued for several years by the native converts, and so fast as any are converted they join 'the company of the disciples,' as they are styled. Several hundred of these have, from time to time, gone over into the Provinces and been baptized by the Missionaries, and then returned to strengthen their brethren. The whole number, therefore, of believing converts, who have been brought to the knowledge of the truth, through the agency of our Missionaries, must be about 8000, nearly *one thousand* of whom, have professed their faith in Christ during the past year.

"The number of Missionaries now in the field is one hundred and eleven—about half of whom are males, and preachers. There are about one hundred native preachers and assistants sustained by the Board. There are, perhaps, 2000 children sustained, directly and indirectly, by the Missionaries, who are receiving a christian education. In many schools the grace of

God has been richly displayed, and many of the most promising pupils have been hopefully converted.

"To most of the stations God has been signally gracious. Additions to the Mission churches from among the natives, are as common as among our best churches in America. We have just had intelligence of something like 150 baptisms, most of which are in Burmah. The blessing of God upon our labors among the heathen is greater than the most sanguine expectations, even of the Missionaries themselves. And wide doors are opening around and adjacent to almost every station. The light of the cross is attracting the heathen to it.

"But what shall be said of our finances—our means of meeting the growing demands upon us? The Board was in debt at its annual meeting in April, 1841, $1,214 92—in April, 1842, $6,871 76—in '43, $14,859 16—in '44, $27,706 16. There is no reason to believe that this debt has been diminished since April, nor has it probably increased. So the Board intend. Now it may be asked why such a debt should be allowed to arise—especially as, in the mean time, the annual receipts of the Board have been greater than at any former time? The answer is, *the demand has been so pressing it could not be resisted.* The refusals to the applications, not only from the Missionaries, but from the heathen themselves, have been frequent, and are more painful to the members of the Board than any one can imagine who has not experienced it.

"Besides this, the Board, from the want of funds, have already detained one Missionary and his wife in this country almost a year; and two other families are ready to go, but the Board will be obliged to inform them that there are *no funds.* These are *the facts*, my brother, and happy is that disciple of Christ in America, who can say in view of them, *I have delivered my soul.*"

We submit the facts, without comment, to the serious consideration of the Baptists of North Carolina, with the prayer that God may make them effectual in opening our hearts by our next Convention. J. J. Finch, *Ch'm.*

The remainder of the evening was occupied in the discussion of the following resolutions:

On motion of Rev. J. B. Taylor, *Resolved*, That the multitudes yet in spiritual ignorance have claims on the enlarged benevolence of christians.

On motion of Rev. Wm. L. Hartson, *Resolved*, That the salvation of the heathen depends instrumentally on the preaching of the Gospel.

On motion of Rev. R. Furman, *Resolved*, That the spirit of Missions and the spirit of Christianity are identical.

Resolved, That our churches be affectionately urged to adopt some system by which all their members may enjoy the opportunity of contributing to sustain the cause of Foreign Missions, and that our ministering brethren be requested to bring this subject distinctly before their respective congregations.

After the announcement of preaching to-night, at 7 o'clock, by Rev. J. C. Furman, adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Session Room at 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by bro. Taylor.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. Haynes. Roll called and proceedings read.

On motion of bro. Battle, appointed T. Meredith, S. Wait, and J. B. White, a Committee to take into consideration the subject of bro. Hill's letter to the Pastor of the Raleigh Baptist Church.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Since the art of printing was invented the press has had a mighty influence upon the world. Knowledge has, to a great degree, become the property of mankind. In many instances, the press has been employed to advocate the cause of Infidelity. So in many instances, has it been employed in the cause of Christianity. By this means the latter, under the blessing of God, has triumphed over the former. The votaries of the cross should never neglect this great instrumentality. We would recommend the following publications:

1st. The Biblical Recorder.—This is a weekly paper published at Raleigh, at $2 in advance. Our State should furnish 3000 subscribers, and South Carolina, while she has no paper, as many more.

2nd. The Baptist Record.—This is the organ of the book concern and is published at Philadelphia, at $1 a year.

3rd. The Macedonian.—This is a monthly published by the Foreign Mission Board. It is devoted to Missionary intelligence. One copy can be had for 16 2-3 cents, or six numbers for a dollar. The address is "Macedonian, No. 11, Cornhill, Boston, Mass."

4th. The Christian Review.—This is a quarterly, and every minister in the State should take it. Single copies at $3, two copies at $5, and five copies at $10. The postage for the year is 68 cents.

5th. The Baptist Missionary Magazine, Boston, the Baptist

Memorial, New York, and the Baptist Preacher, Richmond, are each $1 a year and are all interesting periodicals.

We cannot too earnestly recommend to your consideration the Publication Society at Philadelphia. We should have an agent for this special department in the State. Our Missionaries and Pastors should all act as Colporteurs for the Society. You can obtain books thus: Send, by a merchant of your acquaintance, to B. R. Loxley, Philadelphia, a bond, with a responsible name as security, for the amount of books you wish to obtain, and he can bring them on with goods. As the books are sold the bond can be taken up. The following books are recommended for Sunday Schools: Ripley's Notes on the Gospels $1 25, also on the Acts 75 cents; Malcom's Bible Dictionary, 50 cents; Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, 68 cents; 3. Lincoln's Bible Class Book, also his Sunday Question Book. The Baptist Library, and the Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge are also excellent works.

The Publication Society will also furnish a small Library for poor ministers at the low price of $10.

E. Dodson, *Ch'm.*

After the adoption of the above report the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, There are many Hymn Books now in use among us, many of which are very defective; and whereas, the Baptist Publication Society, with a view to improve the style and sentiment of our sacred music, and to introduce a work for general use, have published the Psalmist;

Therefore Resolved, That the Convention recommend the Psalmist to our brethren and churches, when they may have occasion to purchase a new Hymn Book.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

Of the various plans for benevolent effort there are few so important as the Sunday School system. It is the prime instrumentality for the moral and religious education of the rising generation. If it be important that children be restrained from vice ad wicked associations—if it be important that they be taught to remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy—and if it be important that their minds be stored with religious knowledge and bible truth—then it is important that they should be instructed in the Sabbath School.

Many are ready to acknowledge the utility of these schools

and to speak in high terms of their advantages; but how few can be found willing to make, from Sabbath to Sabbath, and from year to year, the self-denying efforts necessary to promote their interests. In most cases our schools fail for want of faithful teachers.

Many of our brethren and churches, friendly to benevolent efforts, are slumbering on this subject, and the children, in their midst, are permitted to spend their Sabbaths in idleness and vice. Never shall we, as individuals or as churches, enjoy that prosperity for which we pray, until we all shall be engaged as active teachers, or as scholars in the Sabbath School or Bible class.

So little has the attention of the Convention been directed to this subject that the ordinary statistics of these schools have not been collected. It is recommended that the Committee for next year, be instructed to direct particular attention to this subject. Your Committee would also recommend that the Editor of the Biblical Recorder be requested to establish in his excellent paper a special department for Sabbath Schools. The following resolutions are also recommended:

1st. *Resolved*, That the importance of the moral and religious instruction of the rising generation has not been duly appreciated.

2nd. That pastors and churches be affectionately urged to make more vigorous efforts to organize and sustain Sabbath Schools. G. W. Thompson, *Ch'm.*

The adoption of this report was moved by bro. J. J. James, who accompanied his motion with very interesting remarks, and seconded by bro. S. J. Wheeler.

Resolved, That we sympathize with our brethren, Oncken, Moenster, and others in Denmark, who are suffering much from the established church of that country for their devotion to baptist principles; and also, that these brethren be made the subject of our special prayer in the prayer-meeting.

Voted, That bro. Jeter be invited to preach the concluding sermon at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet at the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock.

3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by A. J. Battle.

On motion, referred the printing of the Minutes to the Board.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee regret the absence of your Corresponding Secretary, and of course, their inability to present the reports of your Missionaries since the last meeting. Had these reports been before them, they would have some data on which to base the present. They can only, therefore, present, in a succinct manner, the importance of a more extended and efficient effort in the cause of domestic missions in future. They believe that on the success of our domestic missionary operations depends, in a good degree, the carrying out of the other objects of the Convention. In order that the importance of sending the gospel to the heathen, and of preparing pious young men for the ministry may be duly appreciated, all within the bounds of the Convention should be furnished with the preaching of the gospel. While our brethren have contributed liberally to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, that institution has almost entirely overlooked our State in the appointment of its missionaries, although repeatedly urged to do something for us. The experience of the past admonishes us for the future to look well to our own efforts in this great work, and, instead of relying on Hercules, to put our own shoulders to the wheel.

N. J. PALMER, *Ch'm.*

The acceptance of this report was moved by bro. Wait, and seconded by bro. Jeter.

The Agent and Missionaries gave detailed accounts of their labors, which occupied the evening.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by bro. Williams.

Wednesday, 9 o'*clock*, *A. M.*

Convention met. Prayer by bro. Jeter.

On motion, the appointment of Missionaries was referred to the Board.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the appointment of a Committee at the late Session of the A. B. H. M. Society, to confer on the expediency of altering its constitution or disolving the Society; and hope that no action will be taken to accomplish either.

The Committee to whom Bro. Hill's letter was referred, submitted their report, which was adopted; and a copy of which was ordered to be sent to the church and also to bro. Hill.

The Financial Committee reported, and discharged.
The Treasurer reported, and report received.
The standing Committees for next year announced.
On Education—White, McDaniel, and D. S. Williams.
On Home Missions—Meredith, Thompson and Hinton.
On Foreign Missions—Finch, Purify, and Harrell.
On Publications—Dodson, Brooks, and Biggs.
On Sabbath Schools—James, Havens, and Yates.
On Statistics—Dr. S. J. Wheeler.

On motion, *Voted*, That our thanks be expressed to our Presbyterian and Methodist brethren for the use of their respective Houses of Worship on the Sabbath.

Voted, That we acknowledge with pleasure, our obligations to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their Session Room.

Voted, That the Convention duly appreciate the generosity of the owners and directors of public conveyances to and from Raleigh, for a generous reduction of fare for the accommodation of its members, and that the thanks of the body be tendered to them for such attention.

Voted, That our thanks are due to the citizens of Raleigh for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

Adjourned without day. Remarks and prayer by the President.

The sermon by the Rev. J. B. Jeter, was then listened to with great attention. His subject was the conservative influence of the church.

A. DOCKERY, *President*.

JOHN B. WHITE, *Secretary*.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers met in the Presbyterian Session Room on Monday night, at 7 o'clock, and transacted the following business:

1. The Board discussed at length and adopted the following, as the conditions on which they would hereafter receive persons under their patronage. 1st. That the individual receiving assistance, promise, in writing, not to leave its patronage without first having obtained permission to do so. 2nd. That on condition he does not comply with the foregoing promise, that he obligate himself to pay back to the Convention the amount expended on his education.

2. Bro. James B. Jackson, of Granville, was received for one session.

3. On motion, the case of bro. Yates was called up, and, after mutual consultation, it was resolved, that while the Board respect the feelings of bro. Yates in leaving his studies last session, yet they feel bound to express their disapproval of his course without duly advising with the Faculty.

Voted, That bro. Yates be continued at the College as formerly.

4. Appointed brethren Finch, Wait and McDaniel, a Committee on the Agency.

Adjourned at the call of the President. Prayer by bro. G. Purify.

Tuesday, 11 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Prayer by bro. McNabb.

5. Appointment of Missionaries.—N. A. Purify to labor within the bounds of the Yadkin Association.

L. DuPre to labor subject to the direction of the Board.

R. Jacks to labor in the bounds of the Union Association.

Moved that a Missionary be sent to the Kehukee Association.

Moved, that the settlement of the salaries of Missionaries be referred to brethren Meredith, McDaniel and Biggs.

Moved, that 1500 copies of the Minutes be printed.

Moved, that our Missionaries be requested to interest themselves in distributing books and Bibles.

Adjourned to meet in Raleigh on Wednesday after the fourth Sabbath of November.

A. DOCKERY, *President.*

J. B. White, *Secretary.*

MONIES RECEIVED BY N. A. PURIFY, AGENT.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.
T. S. Memory,			25
E. De Shields,			25
G. W. Hill,			25
J. Thompson,		30	
W. J. Staudly,	25		
M. Long,		1 00	
W. Edge,	50	50	
D. Stanaland,	25	25	50
H. Stanaland	25	25	
B. Oliver,			3 00
F. Wilson,		1 00	
L. Wilson,			50
M. Shuler,			25
B. S. Martin,			50
J. Garner,	25		
S. T. Holman,	2 00	1 00	1 00
W. Yates,			1 00
S. B. Stanaland,	25	25	50
J. Basford,	25		
H. E. Royal,	25	25	25
Frank, servant,		05	
S. Meredith,	25		
E. Caston,		50	
E. Wright,	25	25	25
W. A. Pollock		1 00	
	4 75	6 60	8 50

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.
J. M. Thompson,	25		25
R. O. Wiseman,	50		
S. Dismukes	1 00		
N. Rich,	20		
V. Thomas,		25	
P. C. Kelley,			1 00
W. Gough,	25		
S. Young,			22 1-2
H. Williams,	50		
J. Rochelle,		50	
B. Meadows,	10		
Littleton,	50		
C. B. Pollock,		25	
S. Wheeler,		25	
Joseph, (Servants.)	10		
Bryan, (Servants.)		10	
Eli, (Servants.)	10		
George, (Servants.)		10	
L. Belt,	2 50		
D. Belt,	25	25	45
L. G. Jones,			1 00
W. May,	50		
A. L. Gellespie,	1 00		
A. Emberson,	83	83	84
	8 58	2 53	3 76 1-2

Recapitulation.		
	H. M.	13 33
	F. M.	9 13
	Ed.	12 26 1-2
Amount,		$34 72 1-2

MONEY RECEIVED BY J. CHASTAIN, MISSIONARY.

S. Morgan 50 cents for F. M. and the balance for H. M. viz: J. Evans 20 cents, R. Sental 25 c., D. J, Evans 12 1-2 c., J. Shipman 25 c., J. J. Summey $1, M. Gillaspie 50 c., M. Rickman 50 c., J. Gillaspie 50 c., J. Rodford 50 c., J. Rice $1, J. Greenwood 50 c., P. Husk 50 c., P. Roberts 50 c., R. Patterson 50 c., a gentleman 50 c., W. Brown, 50 c., J. Allison 50 c.

Amount F. M. 50 cents, H. M. $8 37 1-2.

MONEY RECEIVED BY J. BLYTHE, MISSIONARY.

For Home Missions.—L. Waldrap 25 cents, L. Egerton 1 25, W. Piercy 25, E. V. Ammons 50, J. Anderwood 10, W. Morris 25, E. McKee 10, J. Whitaker, jr. 25, Z. Ellis 10, J. S. Kimsey 20, H. Cobbet 50, B. Mann 50, J. Hide 10, J. Patterson 17 1-2, B. Shiril 25, E. Ammons 50, C. Whitaker 10, R. Marin 10, J. Parker 25, W. Walker 25, S. Whitaker 25, W. Godsey, 25, J. McMullen 25, H. Berong 37 1-2, J. Chastain 25, E. Carrol 50, Macedonia Church and congregation $7,75.

Foreign Mission.—P. Overby, 1 00, J. Singard 50.

Burman Bible.—B. Halbert 25, R. J. Allen 25, N. Mills 10, J. Whitaker 25, J. Tomson 1 00, J. Hudges 1 00, P. T. Moore 1 25, J. Overby 50, J. Rees 20, L. Akins 20, Henry Birong 37 1-2, J. Winters 40.

Home Mission,	$15 60
Foreign Mission,	1 50
Burman Bible,	5 77 1-2
Unappropriated,	3 02 1-2
	$25 90

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE, OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Associations.	H. M.	F. E.	ED.	Total.
Raleigh,	7,28	7,28	7,29	21,85
Salem,	24,86	1,00	89	26,75
Flat River,	14,00	14,00	14,00	42,00
Beulah,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Union,	37,00	37,05		74,05
Cape Fear,	19,50	17,33	17,08	53,91
Tar River,		10,00		10,00
Yadkin river,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Brier Creek,	6,66	6,67	6,67	20,00
Chowan,	10,00	10,00	10,00	30,00
Liberty,	10,30			10,30
Tuckasiege,	11,55			11,55
Pedee,	6,66	6,67	6,67	20,00
Valley river,	12,00	12,00		24,00
	166,47	128,66	64,28	364,41
CHURCHES.				
Wake Forest,	10,00	10,00	10,00	30,00
Raleigh,	10,00	17,00	10,00	37,00
Rogers' ⋈ R.	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Wake Lib'ty,	10,00			10,00
" Union,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Newbern,	14,20	14,20	14,20	42,60
Tusquittee,	10,50			10,50
Milton,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Yanceyville,	4,00	4,00	4,05	12,05
Friendship,	10,50	6,50	4,00	21,00
Fayetteville F. M. S.	7,50	7,50	7,62	22,62
Carthlege c'k,	8,00	2,00	2,00	12,00
Connaritsa,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Cashie,	7,00		5,00	12,00
Mars Hill,	1,00	1,00	1,50	3,50
Conneconara,	13,12			13,12

CHURCHES.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	Total.
Meherrin,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Bethlehem M. S.		16,00	14,00	30,00
Mt. Tabor,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Reese,	10,00			10,00
Island Ford,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Eaton,	3,62	3,62	3,62	10,86
Sandy Creek F. B. S.	10,50	10,50	10,12	31,12
Beulah,	7,00	1,00	2,00	10,00
Olive Branch,	7,25	10,25	4,00	21,50
Bap. Chapel,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Reaves' Ch'l,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
INDIVIDUALS.				
W. P. Biddle,	10,00			10,00
S. S. Biddle,	10,00			10,00
Mrs E. Washington,	3 33	3,33	3,34	10,00
Mrs. W. A. Graham,	3,33	3,33	3,34	10,00
W. H. Merritt,			10,00	10,00
Mrs. E. Williams,	3,00			3,00
N. A. Purify, Agent,	13,33	9,13	12,26	34,72
J. Chastain,	8,37	50		8,88
J. Blythe,	18,63	7,27		25,90
B. Parker,	50			50
R. Dowd,	1,00	1,00	1,00	3,00
Public collection,	12,85	12,85	12,86	38,56
	424,97	299,61	234,25	958,84

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. C. Baptist State Convention, in account with J. S. Purify Treasurer.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Dr.				
To balance on hand, Oct. 18, 1844,	18 01	8 00	7 00	33 01
To cash of A. J. Battle, former Treas.		150 00	40 60	190 60
To cash of Financial Committee,	424 97	299 61 1-2	234 25 1-2	958 84
	442 98	457 61 1-2	281 85 1-2	1182 45
Cr.				
By cash paid N. A. Purify, Agent,	33 33	33 33	33 34	100 00
" paid T. Meredith, for printing,	16 66	16 67	16 67	50 00
" paid W. Haynes for Missionary service,	38 50			38 50
" paid Thompson, Chastain, and Blythe, each $60 for 3 months missionary service,	180 00			180 00
" to Treasurer of W. F. College, for tuition of M. T. Yates,			104 66	104 66
" to J. B. White for board,			32 00	32 00
" to the Board of F. Missions for Burman Bible,		5 77 1-2		5 77 1-2
" to the Board of F. Missions,		401 84		401 84
	268 49	457 61 1-2	186 67	912 77 1-2
Balance on hand, Nov. 26, 1844.	174 49		95 18 1-2	269 86 1-2

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2. Every speaker shall arise and address the President, on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7. The names of the members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and handed to the chair or Secretary before debated.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE SOCIETY,

Auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society, at its eighth annual meeting, Raleigh, Oct. 23, 1844.

After prayer and reading the Constitution, the meeting was organized by electing the following officers:

T. Meredith, President; S. Wait, J. J. Finch, Vice Presidents; N. J. Palmer, Cor. Secretary; J. F. Jordan, Rec. Secretary, and J. J. Biggs, Treasurer.

Board of Managers.—J. B. White, A. J. Battle, J. J. James, W. T. Brooks, N. A. Purify, J. McDaniel, Wm. M. Crenshaw, T. B. Barnett, J. Kerr, G. M. Thompson, D. S. Williams, L. DuPre, R. McNabb, C. Graves, M. B. Royster, and T. Crocker.

On motion of bro. Jeter, *Resolved*, That the more general diffusion of copies of the Holy Scriptures constitutes the only rational ground to hope for the ultimate success of all the benevolent institutions of the day.

On motion of bro. Finch, *Resolved*, That the present condition of our countrymen calls loudly upon us for more energetic exertion in circulating the Scriptures.

A public collection was then taken up in favor of the Society.

On motion of J. McDaniel, *Resolved*, That a sermon be preached in behalf of the Bible Society on Monday evening of the next Convention.

Appointed bro. J. J. James to preach the sermon, and W. T. Brooks his alternate.

On motion of A. J. Battle, *Resolved*, That we request all Missionaries of the Convention and of Associations to act as distributing agents of the Society.

Bibles can be obtained of A. J. Battle, Agent of the A. & F. Bible Society, Wilmington N. C.

Moved that the Minutes be printed with those of the Convention and that $5 be paid for the same.

Moved that bro. Jacks be appointed distributing agent for the Society in connexion with his other appointment, and have for his services $100.

Moved that the Treasurer pay bro. Battle $10.

Moved that the balance be transferred to the Parent Society.

Adjourned. Prayer by bro. Jeter.

T. MEREDITH, *President.*

J. F. JORDAN, *Rec. Sec.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE N. C. BIBLE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be denominated the N. C. Bible Society, auxiliary to the Am. and F. Bible Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the A. & F. Bible Society, in promoting a wider circulation of the Scriptures in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

ART. 3. The members of this institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

ART. 4. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, to whom shall be added a Board of 18 Managers—all of whom shall be elected annually.

ART. 5. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum, to transact all business demanding attention, during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

ART. 7. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same place and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

ART. 8. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a vote of two-thirds, whenever expediency shall dictate.

MINUTES

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

HELD IN

RALEIGH,

OCTOBER 17—21, 1845.

RALEIGH:
PRINTED AT THE RECORDER OFFICE,
1846.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Convention held its fifteenth annual session in the Baptist Church at Raleigh, commencing on Friday the 17th of October, 1845.

Friday, 11 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Delegates and others assembled and heard the Introductory discourse, which was delivered by the Rev. G. M. Thompson, from Matt. 24: 14.

3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Delegates again assembled and were called to order by T. Meredith, the 1st Vice President. Prayer by Dr. Johnson.

On motion, brethren Barnett, J. S. Purify, and J. J. James, were appointed a committee of Finance.

Credentials of Delegates were then called for, and the following names were enrolled as

MEMBERS OF THE CONNENTION.

ASSOCIATIONS.	DELEGATES.
Raleigh,	Wm. Yates, J. S. Purify, W. Pope.
Flat River,	T. B. Barnett, G. W. Jones, J. Hester.
Beulah,	N. J. Palmer, J. J. James.
Union,	H. E. Royal, N. Faison, A. B. Alderman.
Sandy Creek,	John Thompson, Wm. Lineberry.
Pee Dee,	D. Wright.
Cape Fear,	H. Lenon.
Liberty,	D. Huffman.
CHURCHES.	
Wake Forest,	S. Wait, J. B. White, Wm. T. Brooks.
Raleigh,	J. J. Finch, D. DuPre, Jr., J. F. Jordan.
Conoconary,	Eaton Powell.
Island Ford,	Mark May.
Beulah,	L. F. Williams.
Olive Branch,	J. G. Wilkinson.
Colerain,	S. White, J. Downing.
Grassy Creek,	S. B. Stone.
Bethlehem,	
Bertie Union Meeting,	N. M. Havens.
Connaritsa,	E. N. Cock.
Sandy Run,	J. A. Davis.
Smith's Church,	G. M. Thompson.
Hephzibah,	H. C. Parker.
Carthlege Creek,	T. Meredith.
Smithfield,	J. Dennis.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Raleigh U. Meeting,	D. Justice.
Haywood Miss. So.	J. Solomon, J. S. O'Brian.
Fayetteville For. Mis. So.	John McDaniel.
Friendship,	D. S. Williams.
Cedar Fork,	James Bunn.
Wake ⋊ Roads,	G. W. Thompson.
Mt. Tabor,	
INDIVIDUALS.	
Wm. Meritt,	G. W. Purify, J. Purify.
C. W. Skinner,	C. W. Skinner.
J. S. Purify,	Dr. W. M. Crenshaw.
Western Convention,	Benj. King.

On motion, proceeded to the appointment of

OFFICERS.

THOMAS MEREDITH, *President.*
ALFRED DOCKERY, 1*st Vice President.*
SAMUEL WAIT, 2nd " "
G. M. THOMPSON, 3rd " "
J. J. FINCH, *Rec. & Cor. Secretary.*
J. S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Thomas Crocker,	T. B. Barnett,
D. S. Williams,	N. J. Palmer,
Wm. Jones,	G. M. Thompson,
Calvin Graves,	G. W. Purify,
J. J. James,	J. J. Biggs,
J. Kerr,	W. T. Brooks,
G. W. Jones,	Wm. A. Whitfield,
P. F. Pescud,	S. J. Wheeler,
J. B. White,	M. B. Royster,
D. DuPre, jr.	J. F. Jordan.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

From the Western Convention—Benj. King.

From the General Association of Va.—J. L. Pritchard, P. E. Gibbs, L. DuPre, R. J. Devin, T. H. Robertson, and Wm. H. Jordan.

From the Baptist State Convention of S. Carolina—Dr. Wm. B. Johnson.

From Southern Foreign Mission Board—E. L. Magoon.

From Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Johnson.

From Am. Bap. Publication Society—J. M. Peck.

On motion, appointed brethren White, Biggs and Palmer, a Committee to revise the Constitution before the election of Secretaries.

On motion, appointed J. J. James, G. W. Jones and J. Solomon, to nominate a Board of Managers.

On motion, ministering brethren were invited to seats.

Appointed brethren Finch, Palmer and Biggs, a committee to arrange religious services during the Convention.

Voted, that the report of the Board and the report on Education be taken up in the forenoon to-morrow, and that the report on Foreign Missions be taken up in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion, J. Dennis, J. J. Finch and J. B. White, were appointed to arrange the remaining business for the action of the Convention.

Rev. J. J. Finch presented an invitation from Mr. Cook, principal of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in Raleigh, to the Convention to attend an exhibition to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. On motion, the invitation was accepted.

At 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, the members of the Convention, with a number of others, assembled at the Deaf and Dumb Institution, according to agreement, and witnessed a number of exercises, showing that the pupils had made astonishing progress in a very short time.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

Saturday, 10 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. E. L. Magoon. Roll called and proceedings read.

On motion, the letters sent to the Convention were referred to a committee, consisting of J. Dennis, O'Brian, and D. S. Williams.

The Report of the Board was called for, and in the absence of the Cor. Secretary, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, it was read by J. J. Finch, after which it was referred to a committee consisting of S. Wait, W. T. Brooks, and G. M. Thompson.

The report on Education was called for and read by Prof. J. B. White. brethren Magoon and Peck spoke upon the subject presented in the report (ministerial education) in a most instructive and thrilling manner, at the close of which, the report was adopted. *See Appendix.*

Adjourned to 3 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. L. F. Williams.

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3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Prayer by Dr. Johnson.

On motion, brethren Pritchard, Crutchfield, and White, were appointed a committee to recommend a place and preachers for our next Convention.

The committee on the the Constitution reported certain changes, which were concurred in and the committee discharged.

The committee on Foreign Missions were called on to report, which was read by Rev. J. J. Finch, and after interesting addresses from Dr. Johnson, E. L. Magoon, and J. M. Peck, it was adopted. *See Appendix.*

The following resolution was offered by Rev. E. L. Mogoon, and after explanatory remarks by the mover and J. M. Peck, it was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention cordially approve the formation of the "Southern Bap. Convention," and the appointment of a Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. and a Home Mission Board at Marion Ala., and that we recommend the churches to contribute liberally to their funds.

Committee of Arrangement reported and were discharged.

Prayer by Rev. J. J. James.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

In the Baptist church at 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. E. L. Magoon preached the Convention Sermon, in the absence of Rev. J. McDaniel, from Zech. iv. 6. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

At 3 o'clock, P. M. the Rev. Dr. Johnson preached in behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention, from Matt. vi. 8. "Thy kingdom come."

At 7 o'clock, P. M., Rev. E. L. Magoon again preached from Acts, xxvi. 8. "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?"

In the Presbyterian church Rev. Dr. Johnson preached in the morning, and Rev. J. M. Peck in the afternoon.

In the Methodist church Rev. J. M. Peck preached in the morning, and Rev. J. L. Pritchard at night.

The congregations were large and attentive—the word was faithfully preached—and we hope a divine blessing will follow.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met persuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Crutchfield. Roll called, and proceedings of Saturday read and corrected.

A letter was read from the Christian Watchman conveying the intelligence of Mrs. Judson's death, upon which the Convention suspended business to give place to devotional exercises suitable to the occasion. Rev. J. M. Peck offered some appropriate remarks, and the President, Rev. T. Meredith, by request, led in prayer for the blessing of God upon our afflict-

ed bro. A. Judson, and the mission with which he is connected.

On motion, J. J. Finch, S. Wait and Dr. Crenshaw, were appointed to draw up a resolution expressive of our sympathies and views respecting the death of Mrs. Judson.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. J. James, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the members of this Convention have just heard of the demise of the Rev. Stephen Chapin, D. D., late President of the Columbian College; and whereas, they cherish a lively sense of the moral and intellectual value of the deceased, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of this eminent servant of God religion has lost one of its brightest examples, the church of Christ one of her most valuable members, and the cause of education one of its profound advocates and devoted patrons.

On motion of Dr. Johnson, the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the above resolution to the family of the deceased.

The report on Home Missions was called for and read by the Chairman, T. Meredith.

On motion, the recomendations contained in it were referred to a select committee, consisting of J. J. James, J. J. Finch, J. B. White, N. J. Palmer and G. M. Thompson, who are also to recommend some person for an Agent of the Convention.

On motion, T. Meredith, J. Dennis and D. S. Williams, were appointed to nominate a Secretary.

The standing committee on Sabbath schools made their report through Rev. J. J. James chairman, which was laid on the table to be taken up in connexion with the report on Publications.

N. J. Palmer read the report on Publications, which was laid on the table till the afternoon.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Jordan.

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3 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. John Purify.

The committee to select a place and preachers for the next Convention, reported Raleigh as the *place*, Rev. W. T. Brooks to preach the Introductory sermon, and Rev. J. McDaniel to preach the sermon in behalf of the Convention on Sabbath, which was adopted.

The report on Sabbath schools was called up and adopted. *See Appendix.*

The report on Publications was called up and after an interesting address from Rev. J. M. Peck, was adopted. *See Appendix.*

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. N. M. Havins.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Davis. Roll called and minutes of yesterday read.

The committee on communications reported that they found nothing claiming special notice in the letters sent to this body, except a communication from the Raleigh Association on the destitution of Johnston, and the reports of Jacks, Havins, and Bennett, which they recommend to be referred to the Board. The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Voted that the Treasurer pay T. Meredith $ 65 for printing minutes and circulars.

The committee on the recommendations in the report on Home Missions, reported the following which was *adopted*:

The committee on the recommendations in the Home Mission report, think it not best at present to assign the duties of Agent and Secretary to one person, but would recommend the appointment of an agent to give his whole time to the duties of his office, under the supervision of the Board, who shall fix his salary and direct his labors. Your Committee would further recommend Rev. J. Dennis as Agent of the Convention.

J. J. JAMES, Chairman.

Rev. J. J. James gave a verbal report of his visit to the Convention at Boiling Spring in August last, and presented two copies of their constitution and proceedings.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the formation of the Western Baptist Convention, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of N. C., and that we appoint delegates to attend their next annual meeting at Boiling Spring Camp ground, commencing on Friday after the 4th Sabbath in August next. Delegates: Rev. J. J. James, Mark May, N. M. Havins, D. S. Williams, R. Jacks, Wm. Lineberry, T. Meredith, J. J. Finch, M. T. Yates, and N. J. Palmer Esq., with any others who may find it convenient to attend.

T. B. Barnett from the committee on Finance made a report which was received and the committee discharged.

On motion it was Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to request Associations, and other religious bodies connected with the Baptist denomination in this State, to forward their funds for missionary purposes to the Convention or its Board, and to recommend such persons as they may wish appointed missionaries in their bounds, each auxiliary thus contributing, being entitled to representation in the Convention according to the provision of the Constitution: and should any Association or other society decline placing their funds under the supervision or the Convention, and to having their missionaries appointed by its Board, on their recommen-

dation, the Secretary will request them, in that case, to *report* the amount they contribute to benevolent purposes for insertion in our minutes.

Delegates to corresponding bodies called on to report. Rev. J. J. James reported that he attended the General Association of Va., at Lynchburg. Rev. N. M. Havins reported that he attended the Bap. State Convention of S. C.

Proceeded to appoint Delegates to corresponding bodies.—To the General Association of Va., to be held in Richmond commencing on Friday before the first Lord's day in June next, N. J. Palmer, J. J. Finch, J. S. Purify, G. M. Thompson, J. J. James, S. Wait, D. S. Williams, J. Kerr, Cal. Graves, T. B. Barnett, and T. Meredith.

To the Baptist Convention of S. C., commencing at Gillissonville on Friday before the second Lord's day in December next, T. Meredith, N. M. Havins, J. McDaniel, J. A. Davis, and J. J. Finch.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Whereas members of this Convention have heretofore incurred considerable expense in attending corresponding bodies, Therefore Resolved, That we recommend to the churches, Associations, and other bodies represented in this Convention, to devise some means for defraying such expenses in future.

Appointed Rev. T. Meredith and G. M. Thompson, to attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond in June next, as delegates from this body; and should either fail to attend, the vacancy may be filled from the delegates appointed to the General Association.

The committee to nominate a Secretary having failed to report, on motion, Rev. J. J. Finch was appointed to that office.

On motion, the appointment of missionaries was referred to the Board.

Voted, That the proceedings of the Western Convention be published in the minutes of this body, they paying the expense of the same.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Purify.

Tuesday, 3 o'*clock*, *P. M.*

Met persuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. D. S. Williams.

The committee on the Report of the Board having failed to report, Resolved, that the Board make such changes in the report as may be thought expedient before publication.

N. J. Palmer Esq. presented the following preamble and resolution, which was discussed and unanimously adopted:

Whereas it is deemed by this Convention to be of the utmost importance to the Baptist denomination, and to the interests of truth in general, that Academies and Schools should be estab-

lished under the care and patronage of Baptists, and that our children and wards should not be sent to schools where sectarian principles, opposed to the doctrines and ordinances of our church are taught, and form a part of their instruction, Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to their brethren throughout the State, to encourage the establishment of Schools, both male and female, under the patronage of the Baptist denomination, and by all proper means to sustain and support those which have been and may be established, as a means, under God's blessing, of advancing the interests of true religion.

Resolved, That the Agent be requested to report to the next Convention all the information he can obtain respecting the religious destitution of our State.

On motion, standing committees were appointed on the following subjects to report to the next Convention, the first name of each class being the chairman.

On Home Missions--N. J. Palmer, D. S. Williams, G. W. Purify.

On For. Missions—J. J. James, T. B. Barnett, M. T. Yates.

On Education—S. Wait, J. Dennis, N. M. Havens.

Resolved, That 2000 copies of the minutes be printed under the direction of the Secretary.

Resolved, That this Convention commence its next session at 3 o'clock P. M., on THURSDAY preceeding the 3rd Lord's day in October, 1846, and that the Introductory sermon be preached in the evening of the same day at 7 o'clock.

On Motion of T. B. Barnett Esq., Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Presbyterian and Methodist E. churches for the use of their houses of worship; to the owners and directors of the public conveyances to and from Raleigh; to the committee of this church for their prompt attention; and to the citizens and friends of Raleigh for the very kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be presented to the city papers for publication.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place before mentioned.

The closing sermon was preached at 7 o'clock P. M., by Rev. J. A. Davis, from Ps. 137 : 5, 6. After which Rev. John Sickatowa, a converted Indian, of the Cherokee tribe, delivered a short address in his own language from Matt. 7 : 12, and a collection was taken up for the benefit of himself and his companion, (Lickanoscoe,) amounting to $ 18 32.

Remarks and benediction by the Pastor.

THOMAS MEREDITH, *President.*

J. J. FINCH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

ASSOCIATIONS, CHURCHES, &c.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Raleigh Association,	10,00	10,00	10,70	30,70
Flat River do.	12,00	12,00	13,25	37,25
Beulah do.	7,00	6,00	7,00	20,00
Union do.	10,00	10,00	10,00	30,00
Yadkin do.	5,00	1,00	2,80	8,80
Sandy Creek do.	20,00			20,00
Pee Dee do.	5,00	5,00	6,00	16,00
Cape Fear do.	3,00	3,00	4,00	10,00
Tar River do. by T. Crocker,			6,12	6,12
Salem do.	23,42	7,00	8,00	38,42
Liberty do.	17,50			17,50
Wake Forest Church,	10,00	9,00	25,00	44,00
Raleigh "	17,50		17,50	35,00
Conoconary "	3,12	3,00	4,00	10,12
Island Ford "	5,00	5,00		10,00
Wake Liberty "	2,00	2,00	1,23	5,23
Beulah "			10,00	10,00
Olive Branch "	1,00	8,50	3,00	12,50
Grassy Creek "	4,00	2,00	4,00	10,00
Sandy Run "	4,28	4,00	5,00	13,28
Smith's "	5,00	4,00	5,00	14,00
Carthledge Cr'k "	5,00	4,00	5,00	14,00
Hepsibah "	3,50	3,00	3,50	10,00
Buckhorn "			4,00	4,00
Smithfield "	3,35	0,30	8,85	12,60
Friendship "	7,50		7,50	15,00
Cedar Fork "	3,00	3,00	4,00	10,00
Bethlehem "	3,00	4,00	3,00	10,00
Wake ⋊ Roads "	3,00	4,00	3,00	10,00
Cole Rain Missionary Society,	5,50	8,25	6,25	20,00
Bertie U. M. col'd at Bethlehem $7,22, Poticasie $3,60	3,60	3,60	3,62	10,82
Piney Grove Missionary Society,	3,90	3,88		7,78
Raleigh Union Meeting,	3,70	3,70	3,10	10,50
Haywood's Missionary Society,	6,66	6,66	6,68	20,00
Fayetteville Female Missionary Society,	3,00	3,00	4,00	10,00
Dr. G. C. Moore,	2,00		2,00	4,00
Richard Dowd,		5,00		5,00
J. J. James, *Agent*,	42,26	8,40	8,90	59,56
Sister Elizabeth Jiggetts,			5,00	5,00
Enoch Crutchfield,	3,00	3,00	4,00	10,00
Charles W. Skinner,	3,00	3,00	4,00	10,
Levi Furlow,	33	33	34	1,
William H. Merritt,			20,00	20,
Public collection on Sabbath,	11,55	11,55	11,55	34,65
Collection for Southern Convention, paid Dr. Johnson,			22,22	22,22
Yeopim Church,	1,00	1,00	1,00	3,00
Green Brier Batist Association, by W. B. Johnson,		18,30		18,30
Boiling Spring Camp-ground, by W. B. Johnson,		15,88		15,88
Brassfield's Church, by T. Crocker,			4,20	4,20
Mount Tabor Church,	1,50	1,50	2,45	5,45
John Wood of Hertford,	3,00	3,00	4,	10,
Jonathan S. Tayloe,	10,		13,	23,
Eaton's Church, Davy county,	2,00	0,75	0,70	3,45
	299,07	210,80	308,46	818,33

TOMAS B. BARNEETT, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. C. Baptist State Convention in account with J. S. Purify, Treasurer.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Dr.				
To Balance on hand, Nov. 26, 1844,	174,49		95,18	269,67
" Contributions received, Oct. 1845,	299,07	210,80	308,46	818,33
	473,56	210,80	403,64	1088,00
Cr.				
By cash paid J. B. White for board of Yates, Jackson and Finch, beneficiaries for 1845,			146,50	146,50
" paid T. Meredith for printing of 1844, and Circular, 1845.	21,67	21,66	21,67	65,00
" paid Raleigh Home Mission Station,	100,00			100,00
" paid J. J. James, agent for Convention, 1845,	12,00	12,00	12,00	36,00
" paid Jehu Chastain for Missionary service, 1845,	40,60			40,60
" paid Wm. Haynes for Missionary service, 1845,	63,64			63,64
" paid N. J. Palmer for Milton Mission station, 1845,	50,00			50,00
" T. Meredith for R. Jacks, Missionary service, 1845,	165,00			165,00
" paid T. Crocker for board of S. G. O'Bryan, 1845,			71,00	71,00
" paid J. B. White, Treasurer of Wake Forest College, for tuition of Yates, Jackson and Finch, beneficiaries, 1845,			106,00	106,00
" W. B. Johnson for S. Board For. Missions,		56,40		56,40
" paid postage on letters,	15	15	15	45
" paid the Southern Foreign Mission Board,		120,59		120,59
	453,06	210,80	357,32	1021,18
Balance in hand,	20,50		46,32	66,82

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

In presenting their fifteenth annual report, the Board of the Convention cannot revert to the events of the past year, without a feeling of profound gratitude to the Great Head of the church. Throughout our churches a more liberal and energetic spirit has been excited, and if proper steps are taken to cultivate that spirit, we shall soon see a rapid approximation to that point of usefulness which we trust our Convention is destined ultimately to attain. The transactions of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Triennial Convention in April last, the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention at Augusta, and other leading dispensations of Divine Providence, have induced a feeling of the necessity, which exists for exertion on our part. While we regret the cause, we feel that we are now called upon to do more for the great interests of human salvation than in years past.

Since the last session of the Convention, the Board held a semi-annual meeting at Wake Forest College in June, besides other adjourned meetings. At these meetings missionaries were selected, and a committee appointed to recommend to the Am. Baptist Home Missionary Society, a suitable missionary for those counties embraced in the bounds of the Kehukee Association. Agents were also appointed for different portions of the State.

We have not heard from either of the missionaries except Elder Wm. Haynes, who reports that he has travelled 832 miles in the bounds of the Tuckaseige, Valley River and Salem Associations, has preached 79 sermons in 75 days, besides laboring in private families. His report was made on the 18th of August last; during his term of labor he had concluded to visit the churches in the French Broad Association. His labors were duly esteemed among the people, and good results were anticipated.

Other missionaries have been written to, and requested to forward their reports in time to be embodied in this report, but as yet, their answers have not been received; they will however appear in the minutes, if they come to hand. We anticipate considerable aid from the Western Convention which was constituted in September last at the Boiling Spring Camp Ground. In order, however, that our Western Auxiliary may be effective and prosperous, it will doubtless be necessa-

ry that it shall be strongly represented in our State Convention every year. It is justly apprehended that the cause of benevolence must suffer in the Western part of our State, if the churches shall deem it unnecessary to send their delegates to the meetings of our annual Convention. Western Carolina presents an inviting field to the missionary, and our brethren in the mountains have manifested a commendable zeal in their efforts to supply their own destitution. The opinion is gaining ground that more should be done for Home Missions than we have done. Indeed were the entire efforts of the Convention concentrated on this single object, scarcely would it then receive the notice due so important a department. Were our churches properly alive to their duties, and aware of the mournfull destitution which exists in many parts of the State, an amount would be raised for Home Missions which would exceed the entire revenue of the Convention. This is not spoken in derogation of the other objects of the Convention: far from it: but we say, that while we attempt to do more for Home Missions, we will not do less for the other objects contemplated by the Convention. In the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a few years ago, there was a more remarkable destitution of Baptist preaching than in any other State in the Union, considering the amount of Baptist influence there was in the State. The energies of the denomination were combined a few years ago in a State Convention, which soon lulled into peace, the jars and feuds of brethren; an enlarged system of Home Missions was originated, which has resulted in greatly increasing the strength of our brethren, and they now rejoice in the fact, that interesting, flourishing churches do exist, where once, our name was almost unknown. Can we not do likewise? Is the power of divine grace more restricted in N. Carolina than in other States? Let us arouse. Let at least two active agents be selected, men of piety and intelligence, for agents; let them go through the neighborhood of every church in the State, and stir up the whole denomination.—Such a course will no doubt increase our means and enable the Convention to supply every destitute part of the State with the preached word. Might not the present Convention, in anticipation of such a result, proceed to appoint missionaries to needy portions throughout the State? Or might not missionaries be appointed in every Association with the condition that each Association thus supplied, shall engage to provide one half, the support of the missionary? Thus our churches would at once be brought into active co-operation with the Convention, and a greater amount of good would be secured. One fact has surprised the mind of every observing man, who has noticed our operations for years past: it is the culpable neglect,

we have been guilty of, in not providing our large towns and county seats with the means of the gospel. This ought not so to be. So far as the means of the Convention will justify, every place of importance should be supplied with regular preaching. Citizens of our towns should be invited to co-operate in this excellent work. Instances have occurred recently in our State, where the generosity of citizens of some of our towns, have left nothing of the minister's salary to be paid, by those, through whose instrumentality, their religious teaching was provided. Very affecting accounts of the destitution of the people in Stokes county, and its vicinity, have attracted our attention. And the Board would suggest that the Convention pledge one third the support of a missionary to labour in that section on condition that Liberty and Yadkin would engage to supply the remaining two thirds of the salary. Much good might be effected by sending missionaries two and two, in that season of the year most favorable to the holding protracted meetings, throughout the bounds of their respective fields of labor, and especially in towns and county seats, and other places of importance. Many suggestions of a similar character here present themselves, to which it is deemed unnecessary to advert.

There are four young brethren pursuing their studies at Wake Forest College under the patronage of the Convention. These brethren continue, by their christianlike deportment and attention to study, to inspire our hopes of their future usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord.

As you are aware, the Board addressed a circular to the churches at its meeting in June. The appeal we trust has been laid before every church friendly to the Convention in the State. And we trust that our present meeting will evince the results of action upon that circular. We feel now as then, "decidedly opposed to splitting into shreds and fragments."—The correspondence between ministers and leading brethren in the State with our corresponding Secretary, shews, that as a body, we deprecate so much division, and such a splitting among brethren. Let us hope that the two great threads left entire in the cord of affection, which once bound us to our brethren at the North, may yet be the means of bringing us all to perceive truth in a clear light, and be instrumental in restoring harmony, and fraternal feeling, if not a renewed co-operation in the great work of Missions. To set in motion two institutions like our Bible and Publication Societies, must require a vast outlay of pecuniary means, before any thing can be accomplished: and when those means are judiciously expended, as much good can be effected, as could be effected by printing presses and plates set up in every State in the Union.

Let moderation prevail in our councils while discussing these matters, and if ultimately, we are driven off from these institutions, which we cannot at present anticipate, then let us act as did the patriarch Abraham, when compelled to separate from his kinsman. Let us act in the spirit of christian love and forbearance.

And now, brethren, we have met once more—on this Convention will devolve a greater amount of responsibility than has ever rested on any previous neeting. If any latent disposition to action be excited, cherish it we pray you, nor let your energies evaporate in the recording of pungent resolutions. Use your best efforts to this good cause. Let the salvation of the heathen, the redemption of the impenitent among us, nerve every heart. Let us enter this work with a good resolution.—Let us act as faithful stewards, knowing that the time will soon arrive, when we shall be called on to render our account.—Since the organization of this body, fifteen years ago, many of our dear fellow laborers have been called to receive their reward: and soon shall we, with a Carter, a Graham, and an Armstrong, hear the summons

"Child, your Father calls,
Come home."

And if we would hear that sound, and be happy; if we would hear its notes, sweeter than the syren's song, then be engaged in this glorious work. Remember that the light of this life will soon vanish forever in the gloom of the grave—these bright eyes will soon be quenched in death—these beating hearts shall soon cease their pulsations forever—soon shall we say to those whom we love, farewell; and these bodies enter the cold and cheerless vault of the grave. These reflections, as a voice from the eternal world, call us to our duty.—Our cause is onward, truth is advancing, error receding; all encourage us to vigorous exertion. Let us resolve that we will not be recreant to our duty, but use every effort from this time henceforth, to live unto Him who has died for our salvation. And when the struggle is over, we shall peacefully leave these scenes, so often alternated with sorrow and pain, and enter those blessed abodes, where

"Rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns."

S. J. WHEELER, Cor. Sec.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following report:—

The action of the Board of the A. B. Home Mission Society, notwithstanding the amount of abolition influence brought to

bear upon it, has been generally, unexceptionable and satisfactory. The appointment of brethren Mark Bennett, and J. J. Finch, to important positions, as missionaries in this State, both of whom were probably known to be owners of slaves, was calculated to confirm our confidence in the integrity and independence of that body. And if there were not more frequent appointments in favor of missionaries in this State, it was thought to be mainly, if not entirely, because such appointments were not applied for.

At the last anniversary of the Society, held in April 1845, however, measures were adopted—or at least were said to have been adopted—which, if correctly reported, must give an entirely new aspect to all the relations sustained by us to that institution. It was announced in the papers, professing to give correct reports of the proceedings of the meeting, that the Board was instructed to employ, thereafter, no one as missionary, who was an owner of slaves :—and also, that a committee was appointed to carry into effect a dissolution or division of the Society, with reference to the troubles and disquietudes introduced into that body by Abolitionists. Although those reports were permitted to pass at the time without contradiction, and of course to be received as true and authentic documents, we are *now* informed, from private sources, that the resolution relating to the appointment of missionaries, was *not* passed; or if passed, was afterwards reconsidered and rescinded! And, as proof of this, reference has been made to the officially published proceedings of the Society, which are entirely silent on the subject.

In the face of these discordant and contradictory statements, we are of course much at a loss to know what to receive as *facts* in the case. And this embarrassment has been somewhat increased by the circumstance, that, although an explanation, or a clear statement of what *was done*, has been publicly called for, no such explanation or statement has been given. In the mean time, we believe it has not been denied, that a committee has been appointed, charged with what is styled "an amicable dissolution of the Society," and directed to report at the next anniversary, to take place in April or May 1846. The above statement is submitted for the consideration of the Convention, which it is presumed will take such action in reference to the case, as the interests of the cause may seem to demand.

Shortly after the above mentioned meeting at Providence, and while the reported proceedings referred to were in free and general circulation, the Southern Convention, held at Augusta Geo., adopted its constitution ;—in which provision was made for a Home Mission department, designed specially for the benefit of the Southern States, and contemplating a partial or an entire separation, on the part of our State institu-

tions, from the General or Parent Society. Here is another statement of facts submitted, claiming the attention and action of this Convention.

Respecting the amount of missionary labor performed during the year by missionaries under the immediate appointment of our own Board, your committee are able to say nothing definitively, not having had access to the reports or proceedings in the case. For these the Convention are referred, as a matter of course, to the Report of the Board; or as is more usually the case, to the reports of the missionaries themselves.

Respecting the operations of brethren Bennett and Finch, already alluded to, your Committee would furnish such information as they happen casually to possess. The former was appointed by the Board of the General Society, on application of a committee under the direction of your Board, to travel and preach in the bounds of the Kehukee Association, embracing some four or five counties. Brother B. has been engaged in his missionary labors for several months; and although having to encounter much opposition and many difficulties, as might have been expected, he has, we have reason to believe, toiled on with exemplary prudence and fidelity. From the qualities of the soil which he was called to cultivate, an *immediate* harvest was not to be anticipated. We believe that he has done well however, and that the fruits of his labors will eventually be rich and abundant. For details, the Convention is referred to the proceedings of the Board, and also to the report of brother Bennett, which will also probably be laid before the meeting.

Brother Finch was appointed by the General Society, at the instance of the Raleigh Baptist church, and under the recommendation probably of a committee appointed by your Board. The object of his appointment, was to aid the church aforesaid in supporting him as their pastor. He has labored in this field, it is believed, assiduously, and with marked success, since February last. For further particulars the Convention is referred to the church and congregation here present, and to a report which will probably be made by brother Finch himself, or by the church, or possibly by both parties.

Your committee deem it not unappropriate to add, that they consider our Home Mission department the *main spring*, not only of the successful movements of this Convention, but indeed of all our religious and denominational operations in the State. It is the legitimate province of our Home Mission department to cultivate the soil on which we are dependent for the support of all other departments and operations. Let our churches become enlightened, pious, and effective, and with a divine blessing, every thing will prosper. Let our churches and people be neglected, on the contrary, and every thing

must necessarily retrograde. But to build up our churches, to supply destitute places, to infuse into all a spirit of prayer, of piety, of zeal, and of self-devotion—in short to produce a general revival of "pure and undefiled religion" throughout our bounds—we need in addition to those already in the field, some two or three scores of effective and devoted missionaries. It is the province of our Home Mission department to supply these.

The failure heretofore to accomplish as much in this Department as ought to have been done, has resulted from a combination of causes, among which may be mentioned the following:—

In the first place, we have generally lacked the men of the requisite qualifications, and whose circumstances were such as to permit them to labor for the scanty allowance, which our limited resources, and contracted notions of economy, would permit us to offer them.

In the next place, our means have always been inadequate. Our churches and brethren generally, have always seemed to have more to spare for Foreign Missions, for the General H. M. Society, or in fact for any enterprise to be conducted at a *distance*, than for the demands of their Home establishment —than for the support of their own missionaries, the strengthening of their own institutions, and the cultivation of their own grounds. We do not mean to say, that, for the former they should have done less: our meaning is, that for the latter they should have done more.

In the next place, the business of the department has always been carelessly, indifferently, and inefficiently managed. It has ordinarily devolved on the Board, consisting of members scattered pretty much over the State, holding a meeting once a year perhaps, and possibly not so often, and always too much engrossed with other matters to allow them much time for thought, much less for careful and efficient action, in relation to their official duties.

To remedy these evils, our Home Mission department has sometimes been entrusted to the hands of an Executive committee. But here too the same evils have more or less prevailed. The members were appointed without proper respect to their "local habitation"—could rarely or never get together—and when they did, were too little conversant with the nature of the business on hand, and too much encumbered by cares and occupations of their own, to give much time or attention to the claims of their official station.

And to this last mentioned difficulty, in the opinion of your committee, the ineffectiveness of our Home Mission department, is mainly to be attributed. If the business of the department was managed as it might be managed, and as it undoubtedly ought to be managed, it is confidently believed, that we should not be long in finding both men and money sufficient

to supply every destitute and neglected portion of our State: so that instead of seeing delegates come to this Convention by *dozens*, we should have them here by *hundreds*.

In view of the foregoing facts and considerations, your committee would recommend that the offices of *Agent* and *Corresponding Secretary* be united in one person—that he be required to give his whole time to the work—that he be paid liberally for his services—that he be located in some central and convenient position—that he have near him, and near to each other, a small, but efficient Ex. Board—that to these the whole business of the Department shall be confided—that they be required to meet statedly at least once a month—and that they be directed to give a full and detailed report of their proceedings at every annual meeting of the Convention.

The foregoing embrace the principal points of interest to which it is thought the attention of the Convention should be directed, during their present session—all of which is respectfully submitted, T. MEREDITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to offer the following as their report: Sensible of the importance of presenting in an annual report on this subject, something more than a mere conviction of the utility of S. Schools, your committee made an effort to collect all the statistical matter which might aid them in forming a correct estimate as to what the Baptists were doing in N. Carolina, in this department of christian effort. But in this they have been sadly disappointed. No information has been received which will justify a general estimate. They are therefore unable to report on the present condition of our Sabbath Schools with any degree of accuracy; and can only say, that from the information which they have received, they are induced to believe, that in some portions of the State, there has been during the past year, a gratifying increase, both in the organization of new Schools, and in the enlargement of those previously established: in other portions, (and by far the larger,) there has been little or no change for the better; while in others still, they are led to fear there has been a real declension.

Your committee are under the conviction that there ought to be at least five times the present number of S. Schools under the direction of the Baptists in N. Carolina; and under this impression, they have been led seriously to enquire if something cannot be done to wake up the churches on this important subject. To see a large portion of the rising generation growing up without moral and religious instruction, is painful indeed. Your committee have entertained this subject with deep emotions. They are compelled to regard the Sabbath institution as one of the wisest and most benevolent of

human measures. It is the nursery of the church and the salvation of the young.

Before concluding this report, your committee beg leave respectfully to urge the importance of adopting some more systematic and efficient plan for the advancement of this cause. They are of the opinion that there should be a distinct organization for S. Schools, and that an efficient Agent ought to be immediately employed in their behalf. They believe that the cause of truth and benevolence cannot be better subserved than by such an appointment. Under the present arrangement there is no means of reaching this subject except in the feeblest manner. What, it may be asked, are we as a Convention doing to promote the cause of S. Schools? The only answer which can be given is that we are favorable to the subject and recommend it in our annual proceedings. Will this however dispel the darkness which exists? Will it arouse the energies of pastors and churches to this important work? The whole subject is herewith most respectfully submitted to the wisdom of the Convention,—in behalf of the committee.

J. J. JAMES, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUPLICATIONS.

The committee on Publications have had that subject under consideration, and would respectfully submit the following report: Next to the circulation of the word of God, and the preaching of the gospel of Christ, the dissemination of proper religious Books, Tracts, and Newspapers, is the most efficient means of enlightening the minds and influencing the hearts of men with feelings and dispositions to be useful in their day and generation, and to be instrumental in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth. We are told in the word of God, "That righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." And experience has proved that ignorance and superstition is the degredation of our race—dangerous to our free institutions, and the most formidable power to the cause of religion and benevolence.

Your committee regret to have it to say, but the cause of truth requires it, that our denomination have been too neglectful in the South, particularly in North Carolina, in their efforts to circulate their publications within our bounds. But they are cheered by the prospect that they are inching up to their duty in this particular, and what has already been effected, is an encouraging omen of what may and will ere long be done. In the bounds of several of our Associations, depositories of books and tracts have been established, either by the Association and churches, or through the enterprise of individual members of the church, impressed with the importance of the object.

When the Beulah Association engaged the services of their

present zealous and efficient missionary, (Rev. E. Dodson,) it was with the understanding that he would also act as a colporteur in the sale of books and other publications of our denomination, and as Agent for the Biblical Recorder. The profits of the sale of books to be applied in part payment of his salary. He engaged in the enterprize with a zeal and perseverance worthy of the cause, and abundant success has crowned his efforts. He has been instrumental in winning a number of souls to Christ—a large number of religious publications have been sold and circulated by him—and a considerable accession has been made to the list of subscribers to the Biblical Recorder within the bounds of that Association. Those who through age and infirmity were unable to attend on the preaching of the word, have been enabled at their own firesides, to enjoy the preaching and counsel of the eminent of the earth; while the young converts, and the before inactive christians, have been stirred up to a due sense of their duties and responsibilities. His labors and exertions will exert an influence, and produce fruits, when he and those who co-operate with him shall cease their labors on earth and be gathered to their fathers.

What has been thus effected in one Association, may be accomplished in every other in the State; and the result cannot be otherwise than cheering to the heart of every Baptist, and to its accomplishment let all our efforts be directed.

Your committee after mature consideration, would recommend as the best means of effecting the designs and objects embraced in this report, the formation at our present session of a Publication, Sunday School and Tract Society for the whole State, to meet annually with the Convention—to have an Agent and depository in the city of Raleigh, and that the Associations and churches throughout the State, be earnestly requested to form auxiliary Societies, and establish branch depositories. They would also recommend that the missionaries of the Convention, as well as those of the Associations, act as colporteurs in the sale and distribution of Baptist publications, and make reports of their success in this particular and the results thereof.

A Publication and Sunday School Society may well be connected, and the former is almost indispensable to the success of the latter. The plan of operations recommended in this report, has been for years in operation by our brethren in the neighboring State of Virginia, and the success that has there attended it, is a sure guaranty that we may expect like results.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the formation of a Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society for the State.

N. J. PALMER, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE SOCIETY.

Monday evening, *Oct. 20th*, 1845.

After the delivery of the annual sermon by the Rev. J. J. James, and a public collection being taken up in aid of its funds, the Society convened in the Baptist church in Raleigh.

In the absence of the President, Rev. T. Meredith, the Rev. J. J. Finch, one of the Vice Presidents took the chair, and called the Society to order.

The following auxiliary Societies were represented in the meeting.

Beulah Bible Society—Rev. J. J. James, N. J. Palmer Esq., E. W. West, and T. D. Oldham.

Raleigh Association Bible Society—J. Dennis, W. T. Brooks, and J. Soloman.

Cape Fear Association Bible Society—H. Lennon, John G. Powell, J. C. Everitt, and John McDaniel.

Flat River Association Bible Society—T. B. Barnett, Geo. W. Jones, and Wm. Jones.

Chowan Association—Rev. G. M. Thompson.

On motion, the Constitution was amended so as to authorize five members of the Board of managers to constitute a quorum.

On motion of the Rev. J. J. James, Resolved, That the distributing Agents be requested to solicit subscriptions, collect funds, and form auxiliary Societies; and that at the next meeting, a compensation be made them for their services.

On motion of Rev. J. Dennis, a committee consisting of Rev. Geo. W. Purify and L. S. Williams, were appointed to ascertain who were delegates from auxiliary Societies, and receive the funds sent up to this Society.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Purify, it was resolved, that the Secretary publish in the proceedings of the Society, the amount received from each auxiliary Society, and from individuals.

On motion of Thomas B. Barnett Esq., a committee of two members were appointed to nominate officers, and a Board of managers for the ensuing year. The committee consists of T. B. Barnett and J. L. Pritchard.

The report of the Rev. Richard Jacks, was called for, presented, and read by the Secretary, when on motion it was accepted by the Society, and with the amount of contributions, ordered to be published in the minutes.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer be directed to allow to Mr. Jacks the sum of fifty dollars due him for his services out of the amount of funds reported as collected for the Society by him.

The committee appointed to nominate officers and a Board of managers, made the following report:

President—Rev. Samuel Wait.
First Vice President—Rev. J. J. Finch.
Second do.—Rev. J. J. James.
Corresponding Secretary—N. J. Palmer.
Recording Secretary—J. F. Jordan.
Treasurer—J. J. Biggs.

Board of Managers.

J. B. White, John Kerr, W. T. Brooks, P. F. Pescud, J. Mc Daniel, T. B. Barnett, Daniel DuPre jr., Geo. M. Thompson, D. S. Williams, Geo. W. Jones, N. M. Havens, J. Dennis, J. S. Purify, Geo. W. Purify, J. Soloman, Daniel DuPre sen., W. A. Whitfield, and Wm. Lineberry.

The report was concurred in, and the officers and board of managers therein named, appointed.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, it was ordered that the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated for the purpose of procuring Cherokee Bibles and Testaments, for distribution among that tribe of Indians in North Carolina, and that the Corresponding Secretary procure the same.

On motion of Rev. J. Dennis, it was Resolved, That the remainder of the funds not appropriated for other purposes by this meeting, be appropriated in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments, for distribution to the destitute in North Carolina.

On motion, Rev. R. Jacks, Geo. M. Thompson, Jehu Chasteen, Mark H. Bennett, Elias Dodson, and Haynes Lennon, be appointed distributing Agents for the Society.

On motion it was requested that the proceedings of the Society be published with the proceedings of the Convention, and that five dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

On motion the Rev. J. Dennis was appointed to preach the next anniversary Sermon before this Society.

On motion, J. F. Jordan, was appointed Depository Agent for this Society.

The committee of Finance reported the following sums received from the following Societies and individuals ;

Cape Fear Association Bible Society,	$ 33 10
Raleigh Association Bible Society,	18 40
Beulah Association Bible Society,	26 50
Rev. Wm. H. Merritt, of Orange,	10 00
M. L. Finch subscription,	1 00
Public Collection,	11 40
Rev. Richard Jacks, collections made by him as stated in report,	80 68
Total,	$ 181 08.

D. S. Williams,

The above amount was directed to be paid over to the Treasurer, J. J. Biggs.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to Rev. J. J. James, for his excellent discourse delivered before this meeting, and that a copy be requested for publication in the Baptist Preacher.

On motion the Society then adjourned to meet in Raleigh again during the session of the next annual State Convention.

Prayer by Rev. Lewis DuPre.

J. J. FINCH, *President*,

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary Pro. Tem.*

MEMBERS' NAMES.

N. J. Palmer,	$ 0 50	Joel B. Lewis,	25
J. F. Jordan,	0 00	Wm. T. Womble,	25
J. J. Biggs,	1 00	Richard H. Lewis,	25
J. J. Finch,	1 00	Presly D. Mangum,	10
James Dennis,	1 00	John R. Andrews,	10
D. DuPre,	1 00	Absalom Mangum,	50
D. DuPre jr.,	1 00	David Allen,	50
T. B. Barnett,	1 00	J. L. Kitchen,	50
G. W. Jones,	1 00	W. D. Ashley,	50
J. S. Purify,	1 00	P. H. Johnson,	50
P. F. Pescud,	1 00	M. B. Royster,	50
N. M. Havens,	25	James G. Womble,	10
Catharine Lewis,	1 00	Wm. G. Lewis,	25
Margaret Ann Alway,	1 00	R. B. Andrews,	10
Sallie Towles,	1 00	J. W. Mangum,	05
Amanda Royster,	25	Thos. J. Terry,	05
Julia Jones,	25	Lucinda G. Parham,	50
Altona F. DuPre,	1 00	Lydia Wills,	50
Ann G. Thompson,	1 00	Mary C. Nixon,	1 00
Harriet J. Moore,	1 00	Nancy J. Dean,	50
Mary Cross,	25	Mary Sanders,	10
Caroline Flanner,	1 00	J. R. King,	25
Mary Ann Judkins,	50	S. W. Graham,	1 00
Jordan Womble,	25		

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAP. SUNDAY SCHOOL

AND

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Raleigh Oct. 20th, 1845.

The Convention having passed a resolution recommending the formation of a Sunday School and Publication Society, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, a number of the members met in the Baptist church for the purpose of forming a Society of the above name.

The meeting was called to order by N. J. Palmer Esq., on whose motion, Thos. B. Barnett Esq., was called to the chair, and Danl. DuPre jr., appointed Secretary to the meeting.

On motion of the Rev. J. J. James, it was unanimously Resolved, That the meeting form itself into a Sunday School and Publication Society.

On motion a committee was appointed, consisting of N. J. Palmer and J. J. James, to draft a constitution for the Society and to nominate its officers.

After a short time, the committee reported the following constitution, which having been read, was unanimously adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1st.—This Society shall be called the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Publication Society, and shall be auxiliary to the American Baptist and Publication Society.

Art. 2d.—The object of this Society shall be the promotion of the general interests of Sunday Schools and Tract distribution in North Carolina, by the organization and encouragement of new Schools, by the circulation of suitable books and periodicals, by awakening the energies of the denomination, and by the prosecution of such other measures as may be deemed expedient.

Art. 3d.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, Correspondng and Recording Secretary, a

Treasurer, and thirteen other persons, who together, shall constitute a Board of Managers for the transaction of the necessary business of this Society, who shall be elected annually, and five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 4th.—Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of one dollar per annum, a Life Member by the payment of twenty dollars, a Life Director by the payment of fifty dollars, and each Church shall be entitled to one delegate for every five dollars.

Art. 5th.—Any Sunday School or Sunday School Tract Society, may become auxiliary to this Society by forwarding to the Corresponding Secretary an annual report of its condition, and may send two delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Society.

Art. 6th.—There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society, at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine on, at which time they shall report their proceedings during the year, the officers shall be chosen and such other measures adopted as shall promote the interest of this Society.

Art. 7th.—This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

The following persons then enrolled their names as members of the Society.

J. J. Finch, T. B. Barnett, G. W. Purify, J. J. James, J. S. Purify, James Dennis, L. F. Williams, N. J. Palmer, Daniel DuPre jr., Danl. DuPre sen., J. F. Jordan, J. B. White, N. M. Havens, G. W. Jones, D. S. Williams, Wm. H. Jordan, and T. Meredith.

The committee to nominate officers, reported the following, which was adopted.

Rev. J. J. Finch—President.
T. B. Barnett—I. Vice President.
N. J. Palmer—II. Vice President.
Danl. DuPre, jr.,—Rec. Sec.
P. F. Pescud—Cor. Sec.
J. F. Jordan—Treas. and Dep. Agent.

The Society adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock in the Baptist Church.

Tuesday Morning, 8 *o'clock.*

The Society met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee reported the following as the Board of Managers, and was *discharged.*

J. J. James, J. J. Biggs, M. B. Royster, J. Buffalow, Danl. DuPre jr., J. Dennis, T. Meredith, M. T. Yates, G. W. Purify,

G. W. Thompson, W. T. Brooks, W. A. Whitfield, and G. M. Thompson.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, Resolved, That the Rev. W. Lineberry be appointed Agent of this Society, until the next annnal meeting. That he be instructed to form auxiliary Societies, as far as practicable, in every Church and Association in the State. The funds raised by said auxiliaries be sent up to the Board at Raleigh, one half of which amount is to be returned in Books and Tracts at the order of said Societies. The other half to be appropriated in supplying the destitute portions of the State, and defraying the contingent expenses of the Society.

Resolved, That he be further instructed to elicit individual subscriptions and contributions to the objects of the Society, and that he receive a salary of twenty-five dollars per month for his services.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. J. James be requested to preach the first annual Sermon in behalf of the Society at its next meeting.

Rev. Wm. Lineberry informed the Society, that he would accept of the Agency. Brother James also consented to preach the first annual Sermon.

The Society then adjourned to meet with the Convention at its next annual meeting.

J. J. FINCH, *President.*

DANL. DUPRE JR., *Rec. Sec.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

WESTERN CONVENTION,

Held at Boiling Spring Camp Ground, Henderson County, N. C., August 30th, and days following, 1845.

According to appointment made at the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, held in the City of Raleigh, October, 1844, Delegates from sundry churches in western North Carolina met at Boiling Spring Camp Ground, Henderson County, on Saturday 30th August, 1845, "to consult on the best means of co-operating with the Convention." This delegation was met by Elder J. J. James, one of the committee appointed by the Convention for that purpose.

The meeting was organized by calling Elder James Blythe to the Chair, and the appointment of Elder Peter Owen, Secretary.

The following brethren presented testimonials of their appointment as delegates to this meeting.

Delegates from churches in the Salem Association.—Cane Creek church—Elder Peter Owen ; Salem—Wm. Case and T. Morris; French Broad—Martin Lance; Mills River—Elder Merit Rickmon ; Friendship—Noah Mills; Cathy's Creek—Elder Robert Jordan ; Green River—John Davis ; Macedonia—John McCall ; Bethel—John Hamlin and John M. Duckworth; Ebenezer—Joel R. Allen; Homony—H. Raburn; Meed Creek—L. Fullum and A. Heatherly; Mountain Page—Elder J. Evans and Squire Morgan ; Beulah—Elder J. Blythe and J. Osborn ; Crab Creek—Samuel Cantril and Richard Sentle ; Little River—John King and Francis Allison ; Hendersonville—Elisha King and Benjamin King.

From Tuckasiege Association.—Waynesville Church—Eli B. Herron.

Valley River Association.—Brass Town Church—Elder Jehu Chastain.

From the N. C. Baptist State Convention—Elder J. J. James.

On motion, Ministering brethren present, not Delegates, were invited to take seats and participate in the councils of the body. Whereupon the Rev. W. B. Johnson, and the Rev. S. McCall, accepted the invitation.

The meeting then proceeded to take up the subject of co-operating with the Convention.

And after due deliberation and discussion, it was unanimously Resolved, That it is expedient to form a Body auxiliary to the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the meeting proceeded to appoint a committee of seven to prepare a Preamble and Constitution for the adoption of the Body. Committee : Rev. Wm. B. Johnson, Jehu Chastain, E. King, T. Morris, B. King, E. Hightower and J. M. Duckworth.

Then, on motion, a committee of seven was appointed to prepare Rules of Decorum, viz : Rev. J. J. James, J. Blythe, S. McCall, P. Owen, M. Rickmon, E. B. Herron, and J. King.

On motion, brethren W. B. Johnson, and J. J. James were requested to preach on Sabbath morning on the subject of Missions, and take up a public collection.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 oclock monday morning.

Sabbath Exercises.

A large and attentive congregation was addressed by Elder J. J. James, from John ch. i. 1. v., and Rev. W. B. Johnson, from Isa. ch. xi. 9 v. After which the objects of the Convention were explained, and a collection taken up, to the amount of $15 80 for Foreign Missions and 20 for Home Missions.

Monday, o'clock, A. M.

Convention met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Blythe. Roll called and the proceedings read.

Ministering brethren present, not delegates, were invited to seats, whereupon Elder John Lyon took a seat with the Body.

On motion, the following was adopted as the order of business:

1st. Report of committee.
2d. Election of officers.
3d. Appoint a committee to nominate a Board of Managers.
4th. Resolutions.
5th. Miscellaneous business.
6th. Place of next meeting.

The committee on the Constitution was called on to report, and submitted the following Preamble and Constitution, which, after the second reading, was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

PREAMBLE.

The distance between the Eastern and Western end of the State of North Carolina is such, and the difficulties of travelling through the western parts are so great, that they prevent the union of the Baptists of the West with their brethren of the East Bap. State Convention. It is nevertheless the desire of the Baptists of the West to co-operate with their brethren in the Convention, for the promotion of the objects of that body. It was therefore resolved by the Convention at its last session, to appoint a committee of brethren to meet their Western brethren at Boiling Spring Camp Ground, Henderson county, on Friday after the fourth Lord's day in August 1845, to consult with them on the best means of co-operating with the Convention. One of the committee, Elder J. J. James was permitted to meet the brethren at the time and place appointed.

After due consideration it was unanimously agreed that it was expedient for the Western brethren to form a Western Convention for the purpose of co-operating with the N. C. Baptist State Convention, in the promotion of its benevolent objects. Whereupon, the following Constitution was adopted, and recommended to all interested for their concurrence.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st. This body shall be called the Western Convention, and shall be auxiliary to the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

2d. The primary objects of this Convention shall be, to educate young men called of God to the ministry of the Gospel, who may be approved by the churches to which they belong; the employment of Domestic Missionaries within the limits of this body, and a co-operation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in the formation of Foreign Missions.

3d. The funds devoted to this object shall be kept distinct from each other, and faithfully appropriated to the specific design of the contributors.

4th. Association, church, society, or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every five dollars paid into the Treasury.

5th. This body shall annually elect a President, two Vice Presidents, a corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve others, who shall constitute a Board of Managers, and continue in office until a new election; five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. To this Board shall be committed all the business of the Convention during its recess. The Board shall hold an annual meeting at the time of the meeting of the Convention; when a specific report of its proceedings shall be presented to the Convention. It shall hold a semi-annual meeting at any time and place, that may be determined on at the annual meeting. Also a special meeting of the Board may be called at any time by its presiding officer.

6th. The Board, as well as the Convention, may appoint agents to assist them in diffusing information and collecting funds.

7th. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice President in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Corresponding Secretary shall correspond with societies or individuals, so far as the interest of the Convention or Board shall require, and the recording Secretary shall preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the body subject to its order, or the order of the Board, and shall pay out none, except by an order signed by the presiding officer. He shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, to be audited and published in the Minutes.

8th. This body shall hold its meetings annually at such time and place as shall be appointed, at each previous meeting.

9th. This body may send delegates to the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

10th. All the funds contributed to this body shall be applied in the following manner, viz: the funds contributed for Home Missions shall be appropriated in employing missionaries to labor within the limits of this body; those of Foreign Missions and Education, shall be forwarded to the Board of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

11th. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution by a vote of two thirds of the members, at any annual meeting.

WM. B. JOHNSON, Ch. of Com.

The committee appointed to prepare Rules of Decorum being called on, submitted for the adoption of this body, the Rules of Order of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, which, on being read, were unanimously adopted.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2d. Every speaker shall arise and address the President, on any subject to be discussed.

3d. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4th. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5th. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6th. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7th. The names of the members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

8th. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and handed to the Chair or Secretary before debated.

9th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.—But no proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

10th. When a motion has been once made and carried in

the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

11th. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13th. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14th. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as being untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of its officers, which resulted as follows:

For President, Rev. Jehu Chastain; for first Vice President, Rev. James Blythe; for second do. Rev. M. Rickman; for Recording Secretary, T. Morris; for Corresponding do. E. King, Esq.; and for Treasurer, E. Hightower, Esq.

Appointed a committee of five to nominate a Board of Managers, viz: Elder J. Blythe, F. Allison, Elder M. Rickman and J. M. Duckworth.

The following Resolution was offered by Elder J. J. James, and by him sustained in some appropriate and impressive remarks on the origin and success of Baptist Missions.

Resolved, That the success which has already attended the modern Missionary enterprise is a subject of devout gratitude and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the church, and that it affords grounds of encouragement for greater efforts for the diffusion of the Gospel.

This Resolution being seconded by Elder James Blythe, was unanimously adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock P. M.

Convention met according to adjournment.

The following resolutions were offered, and accompanied by interesting and appropriate remarks by different brethren; after which they were unanimously adopted. The first was offered by bro. E. King and sustained by brethren James, Chastain, Hightower, Raburn, Evans, E. King, Owens, and others.

1st. Resolved, That in view of the great importance of the objects of this Convention, we recommend to the ministering

brethren in its limits to use their best efforts to cause each Baptist church in the western part of this State, to send up at least one delegate to each annual meeting of this boby.

2d. Resolved, That in view of the great importance of Sabbath Schools to the rising generation, this body recommend to the churches to organize and sustain them, and that ministering brethren be requested to set forth their importance in each of their respective congregations.

3d. Resolved, That we recommend to the patronage of the brethren in connection with this body, the Biblical Recorder, published in Raleigh, as a most useful, valuable and cheap periodical.

4th. Resolved, That this body highly approve the organization of the southern Baptist Convention for Foreign and domestic Missions.

On the adoption of the last, Elder J. J. James made some interest remarks on the circumstances which led to the formation of that body.

The committee to nominate the Board, reported the names of the following brethren to act in connection with the officers of this Convention, viz: J. M. Webb, T. Davis, R. Patterson, J. Whitaker, J. Baker, Wm. Pewit, J. Franks, Wm. Haynes, T. Henson, E. B. Herron, P. Owen, and R. Jordan; Which report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the following standing committees were appointed, vis: On Foreign Missions—T. Morris, J. Blythe, and J. B. Allen. On Home Missions—E. King, J. Hamlin, and F. Allison. On Education—P. Owen J. King, and J. Evans. On Sabbath Schools—B. King, E. Hightower, and J. Davis.

Appointed Elders J. Chastain, J. Blythe, Wm. Haynes, G. F. Caler, E. King, and B. King, to represent us in the North Carolina Baptist state Convention at its next session.

On motion, J. J. James is requested to preach the closing sermon of this Convention, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, in which he is requested to set forth the grounds of our obligation to carry forward the objects of this convention.

On motion, this body adjourns to meet at Boiling Spring Camp Ground, on Friday after the 4th Sabbath in August, 1846. Remarks by the President; after prayer by bro. James, and hymn of praise by the body—dismissed.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers met at 8 o'clock, Tuesday morning, and after due deliberation, made the following appointments:

1ts. Appointed bro. J. Chastain to devote as much time as he may be able, to the Agency of this Convention.

2d. Appointed brethren M. Richmon, J. Blythe and T. Henson, missionaries, to labor each three months between this and the next semi-annual meeting of the Board.

On motion, agreed to allow our Agent and missionaries, twenty dollars per month each.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Waynesville, Haywood county, on Friday before the first Sabbath in February next.

JEHU CHASTAIN, *President.*

THOMAS MORRIS, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.*

There are under the patronage of American Baptists, 17 Missions, 109 Missionaries and Assistants, 79 Mission Churches, containing about 5000 members.

At no period, since the commencement of organized effort for the conversion of Heathen nations to christianity, have there been so many pressing calls for exertion, and so many indications of success, as meet us at present. The Scriptures are now translated, in whole or in part, into nearly all the languages and dialects spoken by man—the secular powers are becoming more friendly to the propagation of christianity, and are removing obstructions which have heretofore shut out the light of the gospel,—and heathen minds are yielding to the truths of the gospel to an extent which is unparelleled since the days of the Apostles. In proof of this, we submit the fact that during the year ending April last, there were 2593 additions by baptism to the mission churches, and of these 2039 were added to the Arracan mission.

But while the state of our missions is urging us to increase our labors, and to render our plans more efficient, occurrences at home have been for sometime past deminishing our contributions, dividing our efforts, diverting our attention from the claims of the heathen to speculations, that can only gender strife, and destroying those missionary organizations which have heretofore secured the sympathy and co-operation of every section of our country, and whose efficiency and wise policy are attested by the events of half a century.

It is not our purpose, at present, to enter into a full discussion of this distructive movement; but fidelity in a Report on Foreign Missions at this time, requires some reference to the facts of the case.

For thirty years the "Acting Board" for Foreign Missions, located at Boston, have discharged the duties of their office in a manner which gained the approbation of the denomination in every section of our country. It was known they were anti-slavery men; but it was thought they would do justice to all parties concerned, and abide strictly by the constitution of the Convention, while they continued to act as its executive agents. Hence the great body of the denomination were quiet, and fully determined to hold on to their missionary organizations, notwithstanding the unpleasant strife occasioned at our anniversaries, by a certain class of fanatics. The Board had been repeatedly pressed by questions on both sides of the slavery controversy, but they had maintained their neutral position so well, by refusing to answer any questions, or to meddle with

* This Report was not received in time to be placed in the Index, and it is, therefore, unavoidably put last.

any subject, not necessarily connected with their official duties, as to produce a settled conviction that they could not be tempted, by violence or persuasion, to identify themselves with either party; or so far to depart from their neutral position, by word or deed in their official capacity, as to afford a just ground of complaint to either party.

But their reply to the "Alabama Resolutions," has destroyed this conviction; and as a consequence our general missionary organizations are trembling to their fall, and new ones are springing into existence, adapted to the aspect of the times.

If the motives of the Board were good, which we are not disposed to question, they certainly in this case have erred in judgment, and have committed a blunder, to say the least, that cannot be justified, and whose ill effects an age cannot remedy.

The questions propounded to them, afford no justification. They were *not obliged* to answer irrelevant questions. They had refused to answer similar questions on former occasions, because they had *nothing* to do with them in their official capacity, and this is the course in which they should have persisted.

It is no justification to say, that "the appointing power has been confided to the 'Acting Board;' because first, by their own published circulars, the subject of slavery was not embraced in the object of their appointment, and hence they could not consistently express their private views concerning it in an official correspondence, or make it a qualification or disqualification in their appointments: and second, because the constitution of the Convention, which gave them all the appointing power they possess, states explicitly the qualifications of missionaries—"*Communion with some church in our denomination*"—"*satisfactory evidence of genuine piety*"—"*good talents*," and "*fervent zeal for the Redeemer's cause*"—are the qualifications specified in that document. Baptist Register for 1836, p. 38.—What right, then, had the Board to make slaveholding a disqualification in their missionary appointments, actual or prospective, since nothing is said about it in the constitution? Is the plea found in some undefined, *discretionary* power in appointing missionaries? The framers of the Constitution intended to give the Acting Board entire discretion as to what should constitute the qualifications of missionaries, or they did not.—If they did, why is any thing said about their qualifications in the Constitution? And if they did not, the exercise of any such right is unconstitutional. The Constitution states what *sort of persons* shall be missionaries, and leaves it to the Acting Board to judge whether applicants *are the sort of persons* described, or not. The right to say *what shall be a qualification*,

and whether *a particular person possesses it or not*, should not be confounded. The latter is the power possessed by the Acting Board, under the Constitution of the Triennial Convention; the former is the power they claim in justification of their unconstitutional act.

We have made these statements, not so much to criminate the Acting Board, as to show that the complaints of the South are not unfounded, and to justify the formation of a Southern organization.

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized at Augusta, in May last, with two Boards—one for Home, and another for Foreign Missions; the former being located at Marion, Ala., and the latter at Richmond, Va. As we are, therefore, provided with an organized agency for applying our means to Missions among the heathen, free from the annoying influences by which we have been disturbed for some time past, and as there are multitudes still unsupplied with the Word of Life and the ministrations of the Gospel, it becomes us to put forth our best exertions to sustain our organizations, that they may succeed in establishing missions among the destitute. If we are not allowed to aid any further in sustaining the missions already in existence, even though some of them should have to be surrendered for the want of support, there are regions wide and dark enough beyond, that need, and which will thankfully receive our assistance. Nor can we withhold it with innocency or safety. The Savior has taught us to pray daily for the coming of his kingdom, and, as a means to accomplish this end, he has commanded us to publish the gospel to "*every creature*," through "*all the world*." This is not done merely by organizing Boards; it requires men and means, deep piety, and persevering effort. And let us remember, that the conduct of men in particular sections, does not lessen the necessities of the heathen, and cannot afford us any just excuse for our parsimony and neglect in that day when the Savior shall call each to account for his talents.

J. J. FINCH, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD

WITH THE CHURCH AT RALEIGH,

OCTOBER 15--20, 1846.

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AUXILIARIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Haywood Mis So.	J Soloman.	Louisburg.
Tarboro' ch.,	M Bennett.	Tarboro'.
Fellowship ch.,	C Rogers.	
Concord ch.	Wm Y Clark,	
Bethel ch.,	R Newton.	
Flat Rock ch.,	Isaac Winston.	Franklinton.
Hester's ch.,	H Hester, T B Currin.	Oxford.
Mt. Gilliad Mis. Soc.	H M Dawson.	C inton.
Island Ford,	Mark May.	Walnut Lane.
Cedar Fork ch.—J Hudson, A McGee, R Witherspoon, A S Jones, J. Dennis.		
Chowan Asso.—E Forbs, H Speight, J G Barkley, L Sanderlin, W Stallings, S J Wheeler.		Murfreesboro.
Pleasant Grove ch.,	G C Moore.	St. John's.
Sandy Run ch.,	A M Craig	Britton's ✕ R's
Cole Rain ch ,	J Nowell, J Briton, J Wilson.	Cole Rain.
Conaritsa ch ,	W W Mitchell.	St. John's.
Bertie U. M.,	J L Grimes.	"
Peedee U. Ch.,	W T Williams, Dixon Ingram.	Lilesville.
Smithfield ch,	W R Moore.	Smithfield.
Liberty Asso,	R J Devin.	Lexington.
Yadkin Asso,	J B Roby.	Walnut Lane.
Flat River Asso,	Wm H Jordan, T B Barnett.	Abram's Pla's.
Tar River Asso,	J B Solomon.	Louisburg.
Tabbs' Creek ch.	W Parham.	Oxford.
Cathie church,	J S Taylor.	Windsor.
Beulah, "	M C Blount.	Clinton.
Louisburg "	G Lewis.	Louisburg.
Pee Dee Asso,	A N Nicholson.	Rockingham.
Carthledge Creek ch,	A Dockery.	Dockery's S'e.
Sandy, Cross "	Q H Trotman.	

On motion, proceeded to the appointment of officers. Rev. Thomas Meredith was elected President. J. B. White, J. J. James, and N. J. Palmer were appointed a committee to nominate the other officers of the Convention, including the Board of Managers.

J. J. Finch, J. J. Biggs, and Levin Perry were appointed a committee on religious services, during the session of the Convention.

The Convention concurred in the arrangement of business as published in the Recorder.

N. J. Palmer presented a resolution relating to missions which was laid on the table.

W. W. Vass was appointed assistant Secretary.

Adjourned until to morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. J. James.

Thursday night at 7 o'clock the Introductory sermon, according to appointment, was preached by Rev. Wm. T. Brooks, of Wake Forest College, from 1 Cor. x. 31.

Rev. J. E. Montague

Friday 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. President read the 19th Ps., and Rev. J. B. Taylor led in prayer.

On motion it was made the duty of the committee on Finance to ascertain who are delegates to this Convention.

Messengers from corresponding bodies being invited to report themselves, Rev. J. B. Taylor appeared for the Foreign Mission Board of S. B. C. and H. K. Ellyson for the Genl. Association of Va.

The committee to nominate officers for the Convention reported and were discharged.

The Report of the Board was called for and read by the Secretary.

N. J. Palmer, J. G. Barkley, W. T. Brooks, R. Furman and Wm. Jones, were appointed on that part of the Report which relates to changes in our organization.

J. J. James, J. McDaniel, and C. W. Skinner, were appointed on the part which relates to Beneficiaries.

A J. Battle, S. S. Biddle, and B. Graves, were appointed on that part which relates to auxiliaries.

On motion, the Constitution and by-laws were read by the Secretary.

Moved that the report of the standing committee on Foreign Missions be taken up to-morrow at 1 o'clock A M., and the reports of the other standing committees in regular succesion after.

The committee on auxiliaries were instructed to report on verbal alterations in the report of the Board.

D. S. Williams, Wm. Lineberry, and J. J. Biggs were appointed to recommend a place and preachers for the next Convention.

Moved that the committee on organization report early to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. R. Furman.

Saturday 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met according to adjournment. The 103 Ps. was read by the President, and Rev. J. McDaniel led in prayer.

The committee on organization reported, recommending the organization of three Boards, viz: one for Home Missions, one for Foreign Missions, and one for Education, to be located in different sections of the State, and to consist of fifteen members each. The Home Mission Board to attend to the destitution of our own State; the Foreign Mission Board to co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and the Education Board to the education of young men preparing for the ministry; each Board to appoint its own officers, adopt its own by-laws and regulations, and five members to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Report was received, the committee discharged, and the recommendations were concurred in by the Convention.

On motion, bro. Taylor's name was added to the delegation from the General Association of Va.

T. Crocker, A. J. Batt'e and S. J. Wheeler were appointed to propose such changes in the Constitution as may be necessary to adapt it to the recommendations in the Report on organization.

The Report from the standing committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. J. J. James, and after remarks by brethren Taylor and Yates, it was received and ordered to be published with the Minutes. It was as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to make the following report:—Our enterprise for the conversion to God of the heathen nations of the earth is evidently gaining upon the hearts of christians.—At no former period in modern times has the church so generally or so deeply felt the importance of Foreign Missions. The great commission of our Saviour, and other portions of Scripture, relating to the universal spread of the Gospel, are becoming better understood; and while there are comparatively few now to be found in christendom, who do not acknowledge the obligation of the church, to send the Gospel to the heathen; the labors, the prayers, and the contributions of many, are annually increasing for the promotion of this noble enterprise. Nor is the conversion of idolatrous nations any longer problematical. The success which has already crowned modern missions, has shown, beyond a doubt, the feasibility of sending the Gospel to every land; and God in the wise and gracious dispensations of his providence has evidently been preparing the nations for the reception of his truth. The hearts of kings and rulers have been turned from their allegiance to the prince of darkness, and the most deep rooted national and religious prejudices have given way before the pure doctrines of the cross. God has smiled upon our Missions in Europe. Under his over ruling hand, an Oncken has been enabled, by the truth, to break through the strong barriers of a state religion, to drive back the current of philosophical speculation and rationalism, and plant in the heart of Germany, a pure christianity. Denmark, France, Greece, and other portions of continental Europe, have been made to receive to some extent the truth as it is in Jesus. Different portions of benighted Africa, whose sad history is replete with the degredation, crimes, oppression, and ignorance of its inhabitants, have recently been visited with the lamp of life; and in accordance with prophecy, Ethiopia is now streching out her hands unto God, and imploring the assistance of his people. Many of the Isles of the sea have been made glad for the knowledge and presence of the Saviour. Asia, however, has been the principal theatre of our Foreign Missions. In that large and densly populated portion of the Globe, the Baptists of England, and America, have performed the largest part of their Missionary labors. The Scriptures have been translated into most of the languages and dialects of its numerous nations, and Baptist churches have been planted, to which several thousand converts from idolatry have already been added. Success has thus far crowned our Missions in Asia; and by the direction of an all-wise Providence, recent events have conspired to open in this quarter of the Globe to our zeal and love another field more inviting than any that has yet been presented to the eye of christian philanthropy. China, which has heretofore, by her strange and seclusive policy, been shut up to the influence of the truth, is now open with her three hundred millions of population to the

labors of the christian Missionary. To the occupancy of this most inviting field the Southern portion of American Baptists seem, by the indications of Providence, to be specially directed. In the deliberations of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently held in Richmond, Va., China was deemed the most important and promising foreign field which could engage the labors of that body. The success which has attended the labors of brethren Shuck and Roberts in Canton has encouraged our Foreign Board to send out others to labor in that populous city under her patronage. Brethren Pearcy and Clopton of Virginia, sailed in June last. In a few weeks brethren Shuck and Yong Seen Sarng, (a Chinese convert and preacher,) who are now visiting the churches of the South, are expected to leave this country for China, accompanied by several other youthful Missionaries under the direction of our Foreign Board. Among these is one from our own State—brother M. T. Yates, a native of N. C., and graduate of Wake Forest College. Let us remember him in our daily supplications and pray that God may make him the honored instrument of turning many idolaters to the service of the true God. Before concluding this report your committee are constrained to allude to the importance of the crisis which awaits us in relation to our Foreign Mission department. Never before have the Baptists in the South and West occupied a position so important and responsible. Their separate organization has opened to them new facilities for effort and devolved upon them additional and more weighty responsibilities. God is opening to them new fields of labor, and saying in His word and providence, go in and possess the land. Will not the Baptists in North Carolina step forth and unite in promoting this grand and holy enterprize? Will they not consecrate a portion of their resources for turning the nations from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Let us not be behind our brethren of other States, but provoke one another to zeal and to good works. Let us labor more, pray more, and give more for the diffusion of the Gospel among the heathen nations of the earth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, *Ch'm.*

The following resolutions were offered by N. J. Palmer and adopted: *Resolved*, That the Convention approve of the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention, which met at Richmond, Va., for the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for the revival of genuine religion, and the success of the gospel throughout the earth, and that collections be taken up at the same time to aid those objects.

Resolved, That the churches and brethren in the bounds of this Convention, be respectfully requested to carry out the objects of this resolution, and to observe the first Sabbath or Monday afternoon in each month as the time of meeting for that object.

Resolved, That the MISSIONARY JOURNAL, published under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, at $1 00 per annum, be recommended to the patronage of the brethren throughout the State, and that extracts from it be read at the monthly concert for prayer.

Rev. R. Furman offered the following resolution which was adopted: *Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the action of the Raleigh Association in pledging themselves to the support of brother Yates, recently appointed Missionary to China, and

his wife. We behold in this event cheering indications of an increase of the missionary spirit, for which we rejoice, and bless the God of Missions.

On motion the Financial Committee were instructed to audit and settle the Agent's account.

Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock.

Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. Dennis. Committee on Finance reported.

Rev. R. Furman offered the following resolution which was adopted: *Resolved*, That the Secretaries of this Convention be requested to publish in the Minutes such statistical information as they may be able to secure, concerning the number of Associations, churches, and members in fellowship in North Carolina. Also the names of the Baptist Ministers in the State, *with their post offices.*

The Convention now gave way to the Publication Society, according to previous arrangement, and adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by bro. James.

On Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. J. McDaniel preached the sermon in behalf of the Convention in the Baptist Church, from John xii. 31., at the close of which a collection was taken up amounting to $52.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. R. Furman preached from 1 Cor. xv. 58.

At night M. T. Yates was ordained as missionary to China. Introductory prayer by Rev. J. Dennis; sermon by Rev. T. Meredith, from 2. Tim. iv. 2.; charge by Rev. J. B. Taylor; Bible presented by Rev. R. Furman; right hand of fellowship by Rev. S. Wait; last hymn and benediction by the candidate. At the close of the last Hymn 20 individuals contributed $5 each to the support of bro. Yates as Missionary, and several other smaller amounts were obtained making in all about $130.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. May.

The Secretary read a communication from "the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina." Moved that the President reply in behalf of this body.

Moved, that the number of persons necessary be recommended from which a selection may be made to fill vacances in the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College. The following were subsequently recommended: Hon. Wm. A. Graham, Capt. John Berry, Rev. William Hooper, D. D., William Russell, R. W. Lawton, Sidney S. Lea, Rev. R. Furman, John Hill, Wm. Lineberry, Rev. J. McDaniel, H. E. Royal, Wm. H. Jordan, H. Hester and S. B. Carroway.

The committee on place and preachers for the next Convention made their Report containing the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention hold its next annual session with the FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Cumberland County, South West of this place, and directly on the stage line from this place to Fayetteville; and that bro. G. W. Purify preach the Introductory sermon, and bro. J. Dennis be his alternate; that bro. R. Furman preach the Conventional sermon, and W. H. Jordan be his alternate.

On motion agreed to commence the next session on Thursday preceeding the third Lord's day in October 1847, and that the Introductory sermon be preached at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Report of the committee on auxiliaries was read by the chairman, and after some alteration was adopted. The following is the Report as amended:

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the Report of the Board that relates to Auxiliaries and verbal corrections, beg leave to report: That in their opinion it is very desirable that all our Associations should become auxiliaries to the Convention, at the same time leaving each church to exercise their own choice whether to send their contributions direct to the Convention, or to send them up through their associations. The nature or extent of this auxiliaryship may call forth diversity of sentiment. Your committee, however, would recommend that all our Associations, engaged in benevolent efforts, be solicited by direct communication from your corresponding Secretary, to become auxiliaries to the Convention, so far at least as to report their Domestic Missionaries to the Convention, their time of service, amount of compensation, and success in their labors. Also, that they be requested to become auxiliaries in raising funds for the Foreign Mission cause, and for the Education department, and also to aid in raising funds to enable the Convention to supply the destitute regions of our State. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary open a correspondence with each of our benevolent Associations, and solicit them to become auxiliaries to the Convention upon some of the plans recommended in this report.

Your committee not having the Report of the Board before them, have found it impracticable to attend to their duty in making verbal corrections, and beg to be discharged from that part of their duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. J. BATTLE, Ch'm.

The clause in the Report of the Board which had been objected to, was then stricken out.

Committee on Finance reported—Report recommitted.

The Report of the Board was ordered to be published.

The Committee on alterations in the constitution reported. Report received and committee discharged. See constitution.

The Committee to recommend persons for a Board of Managers instructed to recommend a list for all three Boards.

On motion it was agreed that the Home Mission Board be located in Raleigh; the Foreign Mission Board at Yanceyville; and the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, N. C.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. Prayer by bro. Devin.

3 o'clock P. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. James.

The committee on Home Missions presented the following report:

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following report: Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and our disconnection with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the attention of the Convention and its Board of Managers has been more particularly directed to this branch of its operations, and at the first session of the Board after the adjournment of the last Convention an increased number of Missionaries were appointed to labor within the bounds of the different Associations in this State. For a detailed account of the operations and success of those appointed, the Convention is referred to the annual report of the Board and the reports of the missionaries themselves. Your Committee would, however, urge upon the Convention, and upon their brethren throughout its bounds, an increased attention and renewed zeal in this important arm of its operations, believing, as they do, that upon its success depends in no small degree every other branch of its operations. Let our own people feel and experience the benefits and diffusive blessings of the Gospel of Peace, they will then appreciate its importance and see the necessity, and be made sensible of the obligations imposed on them to be instrumental in sending it to other nations and people, who are now in the regions of darkness, enveloped by ignorance, superstition, and idolatry.

A Domestic Missionary should be forthwith appointed to travel and preach for the ensuing year within the bounds of each Association connected with the Convention, or within the range of its operations, and the Missionaries so appointed should act as Colporteurs in the sale of Baptist publications and also be instructed to raise what funds they could towards their support, the deficiency to be made up from the funds of the Convention.

A missionary appointed to labor within the bounds of one of our smallest Associations (the Beulah) the past year, has had his salary more than made up and fully paid by funds raised within the bounds of that body. Every other Association can, if they will, do the same.

The great advantage of having an efficient and zealous Missionary to visit statedly all the churches and destitute neighborhoods within the bounds of each Association, and to aid the pastors of churches at the proper season of the year in holding protracted meetings, must be evident to all, and experience has demonstrated its utility. It is a connecting link to bind the churches more closely together, and to encourage the hearts and strengthen the hands of the members in the important work of building up the Redeemer's Kingdom.

As the Board of Foreign Missions for the Southern Convention will probably appoint agents for each State within its bounds, your committee, with all due deference, would respectfully submit to the Convention the propriety and expediency of so amending its Constitution as to confine its operations to Home Missions and Education. These two objects are so intimately connected and dependent on each other that they cannot well be separated. Every young man educated for the ministry by the Convention should be required to devote several years of labor either in the Foreign or Home Missionary field. It will the better prepare them for the duties of a pastor and the stated ministry. More interest would then be felt by the churches in educating and preparing poor but pious young men called of God and licensed by them to preach the gospel.

In conclusion, your committee would say that the field of operations is large and inviting, let us occupy it without any unnecessary delay, and we doubt not, the Lord of the Harvest will bless our exertions and crown them with abundant success.

All of which is respectfully submitted. N. J. PALMER, *Ch'm.*

Moved that the Committee on Finance settle with the Missionaries.

The following persons were appointed as Messengers to the South Carolina Convention: R. Furman, J. J. James, J. C. Stevenson, J. B. White, and D. S. Williams.

To the general Association of Virginia: J. J. Finch, J. J. James, J. McDaniel, L. DuPre, A. J. Battle, T. Meredith, J. S. Purify, J. J. Biggs, N. J. Palmer, and John Kerr.

To the Western Convention: N. J. Palmer, Wm. Jones, Wm. Lineberry, Mark May, J. J. James, J. Robertson, L. DuPre, S. S. Biddle, and T. Meredith.

Agreed that any member of the Convention who may attend the above mentioned bodies may be recognized as a delegate.

The Board of Home Missions were instructed to employ an Agent for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Beneficiaries presented the following report, which was adopted and the committee discharged:

Your committee to whom was submitted that part of the Report of the Board which relates to Beneficiaries, submit the following—

In the opinion of your committee, the arrangement suggested by the Board, would present facilities to beneficiaries, but little, if any more favorable, than those which might be obtained in almost any Institution of learning. Instead of requiring of them *Notes for their Board, bearing date from the time they quit College*, it is thought the better, simply to earnestly request them, after finishing their Education, to refund as much of the amount which has been expended upon them, excepting their tuition, as they may find means to do, without subjecting themselves to too great embarrassment.

All of which is espectfully submitted.

J. McDaniel, Ch'm.

Adjourned till to morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by bro. Purify.

Tuesday 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

Convention met. President read the 42d Psalm. Prayer by bro. Wait.

Moved, that the Education Board meet at Wake Forest College on Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in November next.

Treasurer reported.

Wm. T. Brooks appointed Auditor of Treasurer's Report.

Moved, that the $38 50, which the Secretary expended in the service of the Convention, be refunded.

Moved, that the Tresurer settle for the printing of last Minutes.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the Board of this Convention appointed Delegates to the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, upon funds anticipated to be received at this session, therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this body, said act of the Board, under the circumstances of the case, is cordially approved by this body.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the draft drawn on him, on which a part of the Delegates obtained seats in the Southern Convention, in Richmond in June last.

Moved, that the verbal report of the Committee on Education be received, and the Committee be discharged.

The Financial Committee made a final report, and were discharged. Report ordered to be printed.

The Home Mission Board, were instructed to take some steps to pay the balance due the missionaries, &c.

On motion, the name of bro. James was substituted for that of brother Winston, on the Board of Education.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That John Kerr, G. W. Thompson, Calvin Graves, Rev. T. Meredith and J. J. Finch, be appointed a committee to make application for, and obtain from the next General Assembly of North Carolina, a Charter or Act of Incorporation, for this Convention, and report to the next annual meeting.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby, tendered to the President thereof, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer during this session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. J. J. Finch for his laborious and valuable services as Secretary for the past year, and that he be allowed the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid equally out of the joint funds of the Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship; to the owners and directors of public conveyances to and from Raleigh; to the committee of this church for their prompt attention; and to the citizens of Raleigh for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be presented to the city papers for publication.

The Clerk was instructed to have 2000 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

A motion being carried to adjourn to the time and place of the next annual meeting, the President closed the service by giving out the hymn,

"Blest be the tie that binds," &c.

After which he implored the Divine blessing on the proceedings of the Convention, and dismissed with the apostolic benediction.

At night Rev. S. Wait preached a very impressive sermon from the words, "But godliness with contentment is great gain." Thus ended one of the most interesting and important sessions of the Convention ever held, and we pray that great good may follow.

THOMAS MEREDITH, *President.*

JOSIAH J. FINCH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was brought into existence under circumstances which place it among the works of God. The individuals who aided in its formation felt themselves called on by providential indications which they did not feel at liberty to resist, to organize an Institution through which the resources of our Denomination, in this State, might be more efficiently exerted for the spiritual good of men at home and abroad. They saw that something must be done to train up an efficient ministry, and then to retain them among us after they are qualified, or the important field in our State would either go uncultivated, or fall into other hands. While other States and other Denominations were combining their means and efforts for increasing the efficiency of their ministry, and giving a wider circulation to their sentiments, it was impossible for the Baptists of this State to maintain their ground, much less make any advancement, without some plan of general co-operation. The forces to be overcome were too powerful—the destitution to be supplied was too extensive—for individual effort, or that of small bodies to be successful. Local Missionary Societies were first tried; but being found insufficient for the demands of the case, they were merged into a State Convention at Greenville, Pitt county, A. D. 1830.

Thus it will be seen that the Convention has been in existence sixteen years. Despite the flaging zeal of many of its friends, and the prejudice and opposition of its enemies, it has lived through changes and difficulties which have proved destructive to many other bodies.—Nor has it lived in vain. It has not, it is true, accomplished as much as it ought, and as much as it would, had it been more liberally sustained by the Denomination generally; but the good it has effected is worth all their toil, and sacrifice, and means expended in its behalf. It has originated a College for the education of our sons, which is destined to impart incalculable benefits to our State in general, as well as to our Denomination in particular. It started our Periodical, which has done more, perhaps, than any single instrumentality to dissiminate correct sentiments among our people. It

has educated several ministers, and among these a missionary who is soon to embark for China. It has sent the gospel to many destitute sections—established many new churches—strengthened many feeble ones—and turned multitudes of sinners into the way of life.

But these are only the first fruits of a richer harvest yet to be gathered. The seed sown requires time to bring its fruit to perfection, and those who sow in tears have the promise that they "shall return with joy, bringing their sheaves with them." Many have not the patience to wait the slow operations of Providence in developing great works. The whole result must show itself at once, or they become discouraged and retire.—This is one reason why many early friends of the Convention have become lukewarm; they seem to have calculated that, within a few years, it would succeed in filling every pulpit, and supplying every community with an intelligent minister; and because this has not been done as rapidly as they anticipated they have become discouraged. But the opposition which we have to encounter from those who ought to be our "fellow-helpers"—the ignorance we have to enlighten—the prejudice we have to subdue, and the parsimony and covetousness which prevail to an alarming extent among our people, require patience and long continued effort to ensure success. The operations of the past year will, we trust, furnish some evidence of improvement in our affairs, and suggest some motives to renewed effort and liberality; and to these we now invite attention.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The Constitution, as altered at the last meeting of the Convention, requires the Board to meet monthly instead of semiannually, as formerly, and with this requisition the Board have complied as strictly as circumstances would allow. Up to June last the monthly meetings were kept up regularly; since then, in consequence of the absence of some of the members, we have not always been able to get a quorum; but it is believed that nothing has been omitted which claimed attention.

AGENCY.

Rev. J. Dennis, who was appointed Agent of the Convention during its last session, declined the appointment in consequence of private business, and engagements with his churches, which he found it impractiable to relinquish. The Board, accordingly, appointed Rev.

Wm. Lineberry to this post at their meeting in Nov. who accepted the appointment and entered upon the duties of his office in the month of December following. From that time to the 25th of September last, which is the date of his last report to the Secretary, he laboured 246 days; travelled 3200 miles; preached 147 sermons; gave 170 lectures on the objects of the Convention; and visited 55 counties in the State. He was well received in the several communities which he visited, and it is hoped that the good results of his labors may be seen at the present meeting, and for years to come; but up to the period of our last advices the funds collected had fallen considerably below our expectations. A successful Agent must possess a rare combination of qualifications; besides being a good man and a good preacher, he must possess financial abilities, and be able to originate and carry out some efficient scheme for raising funds. There is no post in our operations of greater importance than that of the Agency;—it is the fly-wheel to all our machinery,—nor is there any sphere in which the best talents may be exerted to more advantage. Under present circumstances an effective agency is indispensable to the success of our plans. The time may come when we can do without it; but that time has not yet arrived, nor do we look for it soon. Many churches are without pastors, and of course will do nothing without prompting; and many pastors need themselves to be prompted, and enlisted more earnestly in the work, before they will press their people to do their duty in this department.

MISSIONARIES.

Five out of nine missionaries appointed by the Board, accepted their appointments, and have occupied the respective fields assigned them. Rev. Mark Bennett was appointed to labor six months in the bounds of the Kehukee Association; he entered upon his duties the 15th of December, and from that time to the date of his last report, July 29, he travelled 1652 miles; preached 148 sermons; visited 221 families; and held nine prayer meetings. It will thus be seen that bro. Bennett, like the first missionaries in the days of the Apostles, preached the word from house to house; and it is believed that as much, if not more good, has been done by these private conversations and prayers with families, as by the public preaching of the word; for such are the prejudices of the people in that section that they cannot be reached in any other way.

The reports of bro. B., which have come to the Board

regularly and well filled with needed information, exhibit a most woful state of things in the region in which he has labored. It affords us no pleasure to hold up these dark pictures to the public gaze; but fidelity requires a statement of facts, which we think it best to give in the language of the missionary himself, as he certainly has had ample opportunity of ascertaining the certainty of the facts which he states. Under date of Feb. 25, he says: "The professing community," of all denominations, "exhibits generally a mournful state of declension. Many of the preachers possess scarcely a single qualification of a Bishop, especially of the Anti order; and many churches tolerate dram drinking to that excess that half the number of their white male members are given daily to intoxication!"

In his report of July 27, he says: "The state of religion is low, very low. Numerous vicious influences are in active and continued operation. Covetousness, intemperance, profane swearing, Sabbath breaking, and fraud, are fashionable vices. Add to these, treating during electioneering campaigns, neglect of children's education, together with envy, malice, and evil speaking." In another part of the same report he says: "The opposition to the mission cause still continues to rage. In most places where the Antis have a right they have closed their doors, and have deceived the people by the circulation of silly stories, by which they still frighten them away from hearing the missionaries. * * * * I am utterly at a loss what to say, or what course to recommend as to the Kehukee field. To give it up, I dislike very much; to continue seems almost like throwing away labor; as it appears to prevent people from reflecting by keeping them enraged. I am convinced, however, that it is unnecessary for *me* to labor among them any longer." In another report of earlier date, he says: "If the Convention shall judge best to keep one or more missionaries in this field for the future, I am convinced that it would better serve the Board and the cause of God to make a new selection. It requires a man of extraordinary activity, and uncommon prudence, who has never offended these people by any change of views on the mission question." Again he says: "The Anti brethren have abated nothing of their denominational hostilities, nor have they resorted to any more hallowed means of opposing the spread of the gospel. They yet close the doors, even of free churches against us, and sedulously labor to prevent their congregations from attending our preaching." Prophetic with these facts before

us it requires no prophetic power to tell what must be the fate of these people, sooner or later. With growing corruption in their own ranks—a decline of public morals under their influence—and opposing as they do all attempts at improvement, they must become continually more disgusting to people of discernment, and finally terminate their anti-christian career by their own folly and madness.

But gloomy and discouraging as this field is at present, there are some inducements to hope that a change will take place for the better. Speaking of the people generally, bro. B. says: "I do think they will have been churched by some denomination before another generation shall have passed away. But that one cannot be the Antis. The Episcopalians and Methodists both stand a better chance than they. Yet I opine that mission Baptists—ministers "of the right kind,"—can do more than any others, because baptism faithfully pressed upon them will carry the day. *The popular faith is Baptist.*" Respecting the results of his own labors he says: "I think my mission has not been in vain. Some three or four have professed to be converted under my ministry; some have appeared to be cut to the heart; and the tears of joy have often trickled under the words of sweet consolation. * * * * My hopes of doing good arise more from visiting families, and singing, praying, and conversing with them, than from preaching.—Of these I do much, as my reports will show. Often is my heart made glad with seeing that my visits have not only been welcome, but comfortable, and sometimes joyful. The sick as well as the healthy have expressed their pleasure, and the cordial smile, and affectionate look, or more expressive tear, has scattered along my road for miles a fragrancy sweeter than all the odors from the gardens of sensual pleasure." From these statements a pretty correct opinion may be formed respecting the Kehukee region, as a field of missionary labor.

Rev. R. J. Devin was appointed at the first meeting of the Board after the adjournment of the Convention, to labor in the bounds of the Liberty and Yadkin Associations for twelve months. He entered upon the duties of his mission soon after receiving the appointment, and was assiduously employed to the 6th of December, at which time he was taken sick, from which he did not recover till the first of April following. From his last report we learn that he labored seven months for the Convention, during which time he preached 140 sermons and travelled over 2000 miles. At the places he

attended he says, "over 100 persons professed faith in Christ."

Rev. John Robertson was appointed missionary for six months, to labor in the counties of Stokes, Surry and Guilford. From his last report we learn that he labored 185 days; travelled 1507 miles; preached 119 sermons; baptised 60 persons; organized 4 Sabbath Schools, and 3 arms to the Madison church—one with 15, another with 14, and a third with 9 members. His field is large and inviting.

Rev. Elias Dodson was appointed by the Convention to labor under the direction of the Board of the Beulah Association. He travelled during the Associational year 4530 miles; preached 212 sermons; and sold books to the amount of $164 25. He, as well as brother Robertson, speaks of the great destitution in Guilford, Stokes and Rockingham counties—in the first of which there is no Baptist minister or missionary church, "though it is one of the largest counties in the State."

At the meeting of the Board in Jan. it was agreed to allow fifty dollars to bro. West if he would preach once a month in Milton and once a month in some other place which he might select himself—till the meeting of the Convention. The proposal was accepted by bro. West, and he has been preaching at Milton and Roxboro.

Rev. Zechariah Neal was appointed to labor for three months in Guilford and Western part of Orange; but we have received no account of his labors.

Such are the facts connected with our missionary labors in this State, as far as we are able to present them at present, during the Conventional year just closed.—For the want of full reports from all the missionaries we are unable to state the exact amount of our indebtedness for missionary labor, and also the amount of funds collected. Had the course been pursued which we hope yet to see adopted, we should be able to present in our Report our expenses and resources; as it is, we must wait for further developments to see how we stand in these respects.

BENEFICIARIES.

At our last session there were four beneficiaries under the patronage of the Board, who were continued. At the meeting of the Board in Nov. Bro. Alderman, from the bounds of the Union Association, was received upon the recommendation of bro. Fennell, who encouraged the Board to believe that the churches in the region

from which he came would furnish the means to meet his expenses. He was accordingly received and instructed to repair to the College, in a communication addressed to bro. Fennell, which he did soon after. As bro. Yates graduated in June last, the number of beneficiaries now under our patronage is four. We feel that it is cause of gratitude to God that we have been permitted to raise up and prepare one missionary to preach the gospel to the heathen. Bro. Yates has been received by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and expects to sail for China soon in company with bro. Shuck and others. This is an era of our labors in this State, and we hail it as the harbinger of a glorious change. Why should not North Carolina raise up and send out Foreign Missionaries as well as other sections of our country? Why is she not bound to do it if she admit the obligation of the great commission? And who knows but that many young brethren feel moved to this duty, and are kept back by the want of means to gratify themselves, or of proper encouragement to go? Let the churches become thoroughly missionary, as they will be when they become thorougly christian, and God will give us men in greater abundance for the Home and Foreign field. Certain plants in the vegetable kingdom flourish only in a congenial soil and climate. They spring up naturally no where else, and if transferred to uncongenial elements they wither and die. Missionaries and efficient ministers, grow only in a truly christian soil, and in a missionary atmosphere.—At the meeting of the Board in March a new regulation was adopted respecting beneficiaries and licentiates.—At the instance of one of the Professors, the Board became responsible for the tuition of our licentiates who may study at Wake F. College. There are two reasons for adopting this regulation; one was the conviction entertained by the Board that theological students should be relieved from the expense of tuition, for which the laws of the Institution as yet make no provision.—The Trustees have not felt themselves able to adopt such an arrangement, and it is to meet this necessity that the Board have assumed the responsibility. If the means shall be furnished to meet the expense incurred by the measure, we shall be glad to continue it, if not we shall have to drop it. Another reason for the measure was that it would induce some to complete their course who would otherwise feel compelled to stop in consequence of inability to meet all the expense.

It was also agreed that the beneficiaries be hereafter

required to give notes for their board, to bear interest from the time they quit College. The principal reasons which led to the adoption of this measure were the following:

1. It was thought that many young brethren, who needed assistance, would accept the aid of the Board as a *loan*, who would not as a *gift*.

2. That it would stimulate the beneficiaries to make a better use of their advantages, on the principle that that which costs something, is more apt to be prized and used than that which costs nothing.

3. That it would increase our means of doing good by the accumulation of a permanent fund, while the beneficiaries would receive all the aid that could be reasonably desired. It substitutes the preserving and accumulating process for the exhausting one.

Under the former arrangement we were continually exhausting our means—when appropriations were made to beneficiaries they could do no more, and passed away. Under the present arrangements we retain all the funds we raise for education with increase; and the same means which aid one young man may, in the course of years, aid many.

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Besides the delegates appointed at our last annual meeting to the Southern Baptist Convention, which convened at Richmond in June last, three others were afterwards appointed by the Board. The Secretary was appointed to represent the funds collected by Rev. J. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec. of the For. Board, as he passed through our State last year, which amounted to a little more than a hundred dollars. And Rev. J. J. James and N. J. Palmer were appointed upon the faith of funds expected at this meeting; they giving a draft for the amount necessary to entitle them to membership, which is to be paid from the Foreign Mission fund of this year's receipts; with the understanding that should this fund fall short the latter is to meet the deficiency.

The present is an era in the history of Foreign Missions. The millions of China are now accessible, and circumstances seem to have devolved upon Southern Christians the duty of giving them the word of life. A Board has been located at Richmond to receive and apply the means of the Southern churches for the benefit of the heathen, and nothing is now wanting but men and means enough to give, under the blessing of God, an unusual impetus to the evangelization of the world. It

is expected that we shall be permitted to set apart one missionary to the Foreign field during the present session, and it is hoped that his example will be followed by many others. It should be remembered that ministers, like other blessings, are given in answer to prayer, and christians should make special supplication to God for an increase of laborers when the harvest is so plenteous.

SECRETARY.

The duties of the Secretary, during the past year, have been unusually arduous. By combining the duties of Rec. and Cor. Secretary together, and requiring the Board to meet monthly, the labor of the office has been greatly increased. The principal difficulty, however, has arisen from the want of documents and papers connected with our past operations. The proceedings of the Board have not heretofore been recorded in any book, to which we could refer;—we have not been able as yet to get a complete file of the Minutes of the Convention; and some of the papers connected with the proceedings of our last anniversary have not been found. Except the Report on Education, however, it is believed there is no material omission in the published minutes. The proceedings of the Board during the past year have been recorded in a permanent form for future reference.—Written commissions were sent to each of the missionaries and agent, giving special instructions respecting their fields of labor, and the duties expected of them.—A constant correspondence has been kept up with individuals and religious bodies, with a view of awakening a greater interest in the objects which we are seeking to promote, it is hoped, with some good effect; and for the same purpose several Associations and other bodies have been visited personally, at two of which collections were taken up, amounting to $42 22. The amount expended by the Secretary for a book of record, postage, and travelling expenses in the service of the Board is $38 22.

FIELDS OF LABOR.

We think it the proper course to direct our attention *exclusively* to destitute sections and feeble churches.—Churches which are supplied with pastoral labor ought not to expect to be visited by missionaries merely because they contribute to the funds. But as the destitution is beyond the present means of supply, we think the true policy is to cultivate, thoroughly, the most needy and important points first. Special attention ought first to be given to the towns, and then the most

suitable places in the country. The New Testament plan is "*to begin at Jerusalem.*" The great mistake with us in this State has been the neglect of the towns, particularly in the middle and western parts of the State. A change has lately commenced for the better, which we trust will go on with increasing vigor. Churches have sprung up in Yanceyville and Milton, and measures are in operation for putting up houses of worship in Hillsborough and Oxford; and if suitable ministers can be employed at these places there is reason to hope interesting churches may be established there in the course of time. The church in Louisburg ought to be supplied regularly with preaching, and has claims upon our assistance. Edenton also ought to have a preacher, nor ought Windsor, Greensborough and Salisbury to be overlooked. In the country, destitute and important fields meet us on every hand, calling for help. It is with heavy hearts that we survey the destitution around us, and then consider our limited resources to supply it. In view of this scene will not our ministering brethren give themselves more fully to the duties of their profession? Will not our young brethren consecrate themselves to this work? And will not the churches furnish the means to sustain them while thus engaged? If Rail Roads are to be built, or Banks established, or the defences of the country undertaken, capital is furnished in abundance, the best talents are employed, and systematic effort is put forth till the result is accomplished. Why can we not come up to the work before us with equal zeal and liberality?

AUXILIARIES.

The Western Convention, an auxiliary of this body, held its second session at Boiling Spring, Henderson county, in August last. The proceedings were spirited and harmonious. We regret that the delegates appointed from this body failed to meet with them, except bro. Lineberry. The brethren in the West are making an effort to build up the Redeemer's Kingdom in that section of the State, which has been too much neglected heretofore, and they ought to have our encouragement and support.

As a general principle in relation to auxiliaries, the Board are of opinion that it is best for the churches to be made auxiliares to the Convention, as far as practicable. It may be necessary sometimes to adopt other modes of operation; but we are decidedly of opinion that this is the best plan as a general thing. It will save time and trouble. It certainly is as convenient to send funds that

may be raised by a church to the Treasurer of the Convention, as it is to send them to some other organization to be forwarded by them to the Convention. And when the Convention is placed so far in the distance, and has to be reached through intervening organizations, its claims will not be seen so clearly nor be met so promptly as when they are laid directly before every church.

FINANCES.

For a detailed account of our finances we refer to the reports of the Treasurer and of the Committee on contributions. It will be seen that the receipts amount to $1938 86, leaving a deficit of more than $440.

SUGGESTIONS.

In the opinion of the Board some change is required in our organization. With our present arrangements too much labor devolves on a few individuals. Our Board is entrusted with the management of three distinct departments, viz: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Education; and the same persons who have to perform most of the work in this Board, are also on the Boards of the Bible and Publication Societies. We think it is best to divide the labor: to organize three Boards—one for each object, and to locate them in different sections of the State. This will secure a greater number of laborers, and accomplish, it is thought, as much for each object as is now done for all. The subject is respectfully submitted to the Convention in the hope that some change will be made that will give greater efficiency to our operations.

It is thought that the Board need not at present be required to meet oftener than quarterly, at which times the missionaries should be required to make reports of their labor, upon the punctuality of which their payments should depend. We think it indispensable to the success of our operations that the missionaries should be paid quarterly or semiannually; they must suffer great inconvenience when they have to wait till the end of the year, and sometimes longer, for their payments, such as no other laborers would submit to, and we shall never be able to get a sufficient number of the right sort of men till this part of our operations is improved.

To effect this a change will have to be made in the financial department. Immediate contributions will be necessary. Auxiliaries, instead of waiting till the end of the year to forward their funds by their delegates, will have to send them to the Treasurer of the Convention

during the year, and then the Board can draw upon the Treasurer for the quarterly payments of the missionries. Besides other advantages arising from this plan, it would enable the Board to keep their expenditures within the limits of their means.

We furthermore suggest the propriety of bringing all our Domestic Missionary operations, within the bounds of this Convention, under the supervision of one Board. Some of the reasons which urge this arrangement are the following: 1. One Board is sufficient for this department within the limits specified. 2. It would enable us to ascertain at each anniversary what was done throughout the State for Home Missions during the year. 3. It would awaken a deeper sympathy in behalf of the Convention—it would increase our contributions and representation—it would give unity and vigor to our efforts, and thus greatly increase our efficiency.

We know it will be said by some, that they can manage their own missionary affairs, and need not the aid of a general Board; so some familes may say they can manage their affairs without the aid of a State government; but then there are many others that cannot; and to promote the interests of the whole they unite under one government. If some few sections can employ and superintend their own missionaries, many others cannot; and any one who will carefully examine the matter must see that the interests of all will be best promoted by concentrating our efforts and resources. If those who are able to sustain their own missionary operations confine their means and efforts *at home*, where are the means and efforts to come from to supply the destitute in other sections? The Convention cannot live, much less meet the many demands upon it for aid, if sectional arrangements drain it of men and means. If sectionional arrangements can do the work better than a general organization, let us abolish the latter and adopt the former; but if it can be better done, as is believed, by a general organization, then let all sections unite in it.

The Board cannot close this Report without calling attention to a fact which they think deserves consideration. All must perceive that the efficiency of our operations in this State bears no proper proportion to our resources. With 40,000 members, and an aggregate amount of means which will compare with that of any other religious body, we have not averaged a *thousand dollars* a year for the benevolent objects under our patronage! We hear of revivals, and of large accessions to our churches annually, but we see no proportionate in-

crease of funds and efficiency. How are we to account for this state of things? The causes are no doubt various; but some of them may be found in the fact that the members are not properly *trained to duty* after they enter the church, and that there is too great a laxity in government and discipline. The efficiency of an army does not depend so much upon its numbers as upon its being thoroughly drilled and united ,as all history shows. And this is all that is lacking among our people to secure that prosperity which we profess to desire.

Let us then draw instruction from the history of the past—let us attend to facts as developed in the dealings of Providence—let us apply suitable remedies to what we find defective in our plans of operation, and consecrate ourselves afresh to the work before us. Arguments meet us from every point enforcing the exhortation, "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." If we look back through sixteen years we shall observe changes which shall remind us that what we do must be done quickly. We find not in this assembly to day many who cheered us by their presence, and aided us by their counsels and means in the early sessions of this Convention. We look in vain to this table for an Armstrong, and to those seats for an Austin, a Culpepper, a Graham, a Thomson, and many others. They are gone, and we must soon follow them whether our work is finished or not.

If we look around us we see a generation, many of whom are without the means of grace, rapidly passing into eternity. And if we look before us the ascended Saviour meets us on his throne of judgment, calling each to account for his stewardship. If we listen to this united appeal we cannot remain as we are. Our efforts will become more vigorous—our means will flow more liberally into the treasury of the Lord—our prayers will become more fervent—and our scattered forces will be centered in one irresistible unity.

Report of the Financial Committee.

Your Committee would state that they have entered below no monies paid the Agent except the entire amount; and hence to ascertain the amount paid within the bounds of many Associations and by many churches, the amount below must be added to the amount paid the Agent. In one case the amount so found differs some cents from the amount reported to be raised by the church.

ASSOCIATIONS.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Raleigh,	$ 20 97	$ 37 45	$ 24 00	$ 82 42
Beulah,	249 50	13 50	11 25	274 25
Pee Dee Union,	15 35			15 35
Union,	11 33	14 33	14 34	40 00
Chowan balance of 1845,	7 66	7 66	7 68	23 00
Chowan,	12 05	12 05	12 05	36 15
Bertie Union,	6 42	6 42	6 43	19 27
Tar River,	4 55	4 55	4 55	13 65
Liberty,	10 37			10 37
Yadkin,	11 00			11 00
Flat River,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
PeePee,	6 00	6 00	6 00	18 00
Amount from Associations,	358 53	105 29	89 64	553 46
CHURCHES.				
Wake Forest,	2 00	183 50	19 50	205 00
Soc. of Inquiry W. F. College,			15 00	15 00
Raleigh,	9 76	98 26	9 76	117 78
Piney Grove Miss. Society,	6 00	4 00		10 00
Bethel, Perquimons,	15 00		28 00	43 00
Yeopim,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Conoconary,		5 00	5 00	10 00
Newbern,	6 22	20 72	5 72	32 66
Smith's	4 45	1 60	82	6 87
Mt. Tabor,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Tarboro',	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Haywood,		10 00		10 00
Louisburg,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Mt. Pisgah,	2 90	5 50		8 40
Mineral Spring,	7 50	50	2 50	10 50
Gum Spring,	2 00	2 00	2 50	6 50
Bethel, Sampson,	5 00	6 75	3 00	14 75
Pleasant Grove, Anson,	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
Pleasant Grove, Hertford,	4 00	4 00	4 75	12 75
Hester's,	50	13 25	6 25	20 00
Sandy Run,	3 66	3 66	3 68	11 00
Mt. Gilead F. M. S.	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Colerain,	5 91	21 16	2 93	30 00
PeeDee,	4 25		1 00	5 25
Flat Rock,		10 00		10 00
Smithfield,	5 75	2 25	2 00	10 00
Island Ford,	10 00			10 00

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Connaritsa M. S.	5 75	5 25	1 00	12 00
Cedar Fork,		50 00		50 00
Tabb's Creek,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Cashie,	5 00		10 00	15 00
Beulah, Sampson,	6 00	1 00	3 00	10 00
Amount from Churches,	134 72	462 72	149 02	746 46
INDIVIDUALS.				
S. S. Biddle,	10 00		10 00	20 00
W. Dawson for bro. Yates,		1 00		1 00
J. Wiseman by bro. Devin,		2 50		2 50
Amount from individuals,	10 00	3 50	10 00	23 50
Sabbath collection,	17 33	17 33	17 34	52 00
Collection after the ordination of bro. Yates.—R. Furman, T. B. Barnett, C. W. Skinner, L. DuPre, D. DuPre, Mrs. E. Washington, S. Wait, Mrs. Stone, J. McDaniel, J. Buffalow, G. W. Thompson, J. J. James, J. Hudson, Mrs. E. Jiggetts, J. Dennis, Mrs. Palmer, D. S. Williams, S. S. Biddle, Mrs. Graham, J. F. Jordan, T. Meredith—each five dollars.		105 00		105 00
The following paid each $2: T. W. Graves, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Johnson, Miss L. Briggs,		8 00		8 00
Miss S. Alford,		1 00		1 00
From sundry persons,		16 95		16 95
Am't of col. after ordination,		130 95		130 95
RECAPITULATION.				
Amount from Associations,	358 53	105 29	89 64	553 46
" " Churches,	134 72	462 72	149 02	746 46
" " Individuals,	10 00	3 50	10 00	23 50
" " Sabbath col.	17 33	17 33	17 34	52 00
" " Col. after ordi'n,		130 95		130 95
" " Agent,	208 22	73 75	68 72	350 69
" " Bro. Devin,	27 50			27 50
" " Bro. Robertson,	5 00			5 00
" Received by Committee since the Convention,				
Carthlege Creek,	10 00	5 00	5 00	20 00
Brassfield's,	1 90	1 60	2 25	5 75
Flat River Association,	4 48	4 53	4 54	13 55
Sandy Cross,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	782 68	804 67	351 51	1938 86

JOHN B. WHITE, *Ch'm.*

Statement of the monies received by the Agent,

REV. WM. LINEBERRY.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Perry's Chapel,	11 50			11 50
Peach Tree,	1 12 1-2		1 12 1-2	2 25
Bear Swamp,	2 50	1 00	1 00	4 50
Antioch,	1 75			1 75
Wm. Lee 50, Wm. Watson 1 00, Miles Bobbit 1 00.	2 50			2 50
Amount in Tar River Asso.	19 37 1-2	1 00	2 12 1-2	22 50
Miss. Society at Bethlehem,	10 00			10 00
Cool Spring,	85			85
Murfreesboro (Pub. Col.)	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
" Missionary Society,	1 08	1 08	1 09	3 25
Ramoth Gillead,	5 53		5 53	11 06
Smith's Church,	2 03	2 03	2 04	6 10
Spence's Meeting House,	91	87 1-2	1 01	2 79 1-2
Sawyer's Creek,	2 27	2 27	51	5 05
Providence,	1 40	50	84	2 74
Elizabeth City,	4 36	4 36	4 36	13 08
Bethel,	3 62	2 25	3 00	8 87
Edenton,	10 00			10 00
J. P. Freeman,			50	50
Oliver P. Savage,	1 00			1 00
Mary M. Wood,	2 00		2 00	4 00
Rebecca Blount,	10 00			10 00
Mary Pender,	50			50
Sarah A. Keath,	50			50
Amount in Chowan Asso.	57 05	14 36 1-2	21 88	93 29 1-2
Washington,	4 75			4 75
J. D. Elwell,	1 00			1 00
Greenville,	3 75			3 75
Harriett's Chapel,				
Mary A. Metts,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Mrs. Carroway,		5 00		5 00
S. B. Carroway,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Mrs. Metts $3, Miss Metts 2,	5 00			5 00
Mrs. Loftin 50, M. Norcott 50, M. Biddle 1 00, P. Biddle 1 00, E. C. Duffee $1, S. Biddle $1, Dr. Duffee $1, S. Norcott $5,	11 00			11 00
Brices' Creek,	3 00	25	25	3 50
Piney Grove,	85			85
Wm. W. Pipkin,	1 00			1 00
W. Davis,	2 00		2 00	4 00
James Davis,	1 00			1 00
Bethel,		60		60
Concord,	1 30	75	1 00	3 05
Lisbon,	2 75			2 75
A. Whitty 50, J. Rhodes 50, J. Oliver 50,	1 50			1 50

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Benj. Askew,	50	50		1 00
A. C. Williams,	50	50		1 00
J. McDaniel,	2 50		2 50	5 00
F. Fulford 25, H Potts 25, E Suroque 50,		1 00		1 00
T. J. Stevens,	50	50		1 00
Aaron Jones,			1 00	1 00
Bryant Cox,		50		50
J. Jackson $1, W. Cox $1,	2 00			2 00
Amount in Union Asso.	54 90	9 60	16 75	81 25
Johson Liberty, Raleigh As.	3 85			3 85
Sandy Creek Asso.	20 45			20 45
Cedar Falls,	2 00			2 00
Richard Dowd,	9 00	9 00		18 00
S. Dorcett 20, M. Brag 50,	70			70
Mr. White,	50	50		1 00
H. Brooks,	33	33	34	1 00
E. Webster,	25	25	25	75
S. W. Brooks,	25	25	25	75
T. Brooks,		50		50
S. A. Brantly,	10	10	7	27
Am't in Sandy Creek Asso.	33 58	10 93	91	45 42
Buffaloe,	80		80	1 60
Hester's,	4 17	37	1 00	5 54
Mt. Zion,	70	80		1 50
Mt. Moriah,	1 75		1 00	2 75
Brassfields,	1 75	1 25	1 25	4 25
Fellowship,	50	9 95	50	10 95
Concord,	5 25	4 00	87 1-2	10 12 1-2
Amount in Flat River Asso.	14 92	16 37	5 42 1-2	36 71 1-2
Hogan's Creek,	5 00			5 00
S. Watkins,		50	50	1 00
Milton,		1 66	1 67	3 33
G. H. Chaplin 50, D. Smith 25, G. S. Gaulding $1,			1 75	1 75
W. Russell $5, S. S. Lee 50, W. Lee $1,			6 50	6 50
T. J. Valentine,		50		50
H. Motley,		25	25	50
M. Moyers,		15	15	30
W. L. Urila,		50	50	1 00
John Kerr,		2 00	2 00	4 00
A. A. Patillo,		25	25	50
E. W. West,		1 00	1 00	2 00
Mrs. Sutte,		50	50	1 00
Amount in Beulah Asso.	5 00	7 31	15 07	27 38

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Cross Roads,	1 00			1 00
Bethel,	25			25
Ebenezer,	1 00			1 00
Kendall,	2 50	37	88	3 75
Mineral Spring,			50	50
Carthledge Creek,	4 95	75	2 75	8 45
Gum Spring,	3 50			3 50
Saron,	3 35	25	1 80	5 40
A. Leach $1, W. M. Ruther, 50, J. Ruther 50,	2 00			2 00
P. Parker, F. M. 50, Y. Allen, H. M. $1,	1 00	50		1 50
Amount in PeeDee Asso.	19 55	1 87	5 93	27 35
Western Convention,		12 30	63	12 93
RECAPITULATION.				
Amount in Tar River Asso.	19 37 1-2	1 00	2 12 1-2	22 50
" Chowan "	57 05	14 36 1-2	21 88	93 29 1-2
" Union "	54 90	9 60	16 75	81 25
" Sandy Creek "	33 58	10 93	91	45 42
" Raleigh "	3 85			3 85
" Flat River "	14 92	16 37	5 42 1-2	36 71 1-2
" Beulah "	5 00	7 31	15 07	27 38
" PeeDee "	19 55	1 87	5 93	27 35
" Western Conv'n.		12 30	63	12 93
	208 27 1-2	73 74 1-2	68 72	350 69

A list of Contributions as reported by R. J. Devin, Missonary of the Convention, for the Liberty and Yadkin Associations.

The following funds were contributed for Home Missions:—D. Holman 1 00, C. McBride 50, I. May 25, J. Frost 2 00, W. Howell 1 00, J. Shaver 37 1-2, E. Holman 1 00, R. Holman 50, J. Wiseman 2 50, Baptist Chapel 1 80, sundry individuals 45, by collection at Brier Creek Association 9 37 1-2, W. Myers 25, J. Eaton 1 00, J. Roby 50, Eaton's church 5 00.—Total, $27 50.

Treasurer's Report.

N. C. Baptist State Cnovention in account with J. S. Purify, Treas.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Dr.				
To error in Financial Report of last year,		22 22		22 22
" Balance in the hands of the Treasurer last year,	20 50		46 32	66 82
" Cash of Financial Committee, 1846,	782 68 1-2	804 66 1-2	351 51	1938 86
	802 18 1-2	826 88 1-2	397 83	2027 90
Cr.				
By cash paid M.T. Yates' board, Fall session, 1845,			28 00	28 00
" " " Eld. Lineberry Agent,	136 66	136 66	136 68	410 00
" " " M. T. Yates, (sent up for his benefit,)		63 00		63 00
" " " on draft in favor of F. M. Board,		200 00		200 00
" " " Bro. Shuck and Taylor for F. M. Board by Wake Forest and Raleigh churches,		124 52		124 52
" " " E. Dodson, H. M.	240 00			240 00
" " " T. Meredith printing Minutes 1845,	33 33	33 33	32 34	100 00
" " " for Secretaries' expenses,	12 86	12 86	12 88	38 60
" " " R. J. Devin, H. M. in part,	92 50			92 50
" " " J. Robertson do.	105 00			105 00
" " " S. Wait in part for board of A. B. Alderman,			25 00	25 00
" " " Mrs. Gaines for board of Yates, O'Bryan and Jackson, for 1846,			140 00	140 00
" " " J. B. White in part for board of L. Finch '46,			35 00	35 00
" " " A. Thomas Treasurer F. M. Board,		256 51 1-2		256 51 1-2
" " " E. W. West H. M. in in full,	50 00			50 00
" " " M. Bennett do. in part,	132 83 1-2			132 83 1-2
" Error of Financial report of 1845,			22 22	22 22
	803 18 1-2	826 88 1-2	433 12	2063 19
Over paid by the Treasurer and due him from Convention,			35 29	35 29
			397 83	2027 90

The Education department is in debt about $340.
The Home Mission " " " " " 100.

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Raleigh, Oct. 17, 1846.

The first annual meeting of the N. C. Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society was held in the Baptist Church.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Society was called to order by Rev. J. J. Finch, President. Prayer by Rev. S. Wait.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, a committee of three was appointed to attend upon the audience, and procure members of the Society. Committee—J. J. James, C. W. Skinner and T. B. Barnett.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

On motion, a committee of three were appointed to nominate officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, the Secretary read the following annual Report of the Board of Managers, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Immediately after the organization of our Society, the Rev. W. Lineberry was appointed its agent, but in consequence of his subsequent appointment as agent of the Convention, he declined serving, and we elected brother Valentine of Yanceyville, to fill the vacancy this occasioned; who was written to upon the subject and urged to accept the appointment, which he declined doing in consequence of numerous engagements of a private nature. Since which time we have supplied brethren Lineberry, DuPre and others with books, &c.; who not having furnished the Society with a report of their success, we are unable to furnish any encouraging information. You will perceive, from our inability to procure the services of an efficient agent, that the operations of the Society have been exceedingly limited; nevertheless, we trust much good has been accomplished, and feel fully satisfied that, by judicious management, the objects of the Society will ultimately succeed. We would recommend, instead of an agent being appointed for the Society, that the agent and missionaries of our Convention be requested to act as colporteurs, with such instructions and remuneration as, in your wisdom, you may deem expedient. For a knowledge of the amount of books received and sold during the fiscal year, we refer you to the report of the Dep. Agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Society was entertained by exceedingly interesting addresses from the following brethren on the subjects contained in the Report, viz. Rev. J. B. Taylor of Richmond, Va., S. Wait, J. Robertson, R. J. Devin, N. J. Palmer, Lewis DuPre, J. J. James, T. W. Graves, E Holland and J. S. Purify.

On motion, the Treasurer, J. F. Jordan, read the following repeport;

Mr. President:—As Agent for the North Carolina Sunday School and Publication Society, I beg leave to report, that I have received books from the Am. Baptist Publication Society, to the amount of $221 15.

Of that amount I have sold for cash,	$141 26
I have books on hand to the amount of	79 89
	$221 15

I received of one of your Vice Presidents, brother Palmer, on the 25th of October last $8 00. I have paid out for incidental expenses, freight, &c., $8 65. Balance on hand, subject to your order, $140 61 in money, and $79 89 in books.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JORDAN, *Dep. Agent.*

On motion of Rev. J. B. Taylor, it was *Resolved*, That our ministering brethren throughout the State be earnestly requested to exercise their influence in the circulation of such books and tracts as may be procured from our depository.

Resolved, That the churches be encouraged and urged to form Sunday Schools within their respective limits, and to employ every means in their power to promote their increase and efficiency.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to settle for the books out of the funds in his hands, and those which may be collected at this time.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the Society be instructed to appoint the agent and missionaries of the State Convention as Colporteurs.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of T. B. Barnett, S. S. Biddle and N. J. Palmer, was appointed to nominate a suitable person to deliver the next annual address before the Society. They reported Prof. J. B. White, who was approved.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended as to make it $10 to constitute a life member, and $25 a life director.

The following brethren were constituted life members, at the instigation of Rev. R. Furman, by the payment of $10, viz. R. Furman, W. T. Brooks, J. S. Purify, C. W. Skinner and N. J. Palmer, who contributed ten dollars worth of books in place of ten dollars in money.

The Committee appointed to procure members of the Society reported the following, viz: S. S. Biddle, Lewis DuPre, J. J. Finch,† P. F. Pescud,† E. Washington,† J. B. White,† S. Smith,† Susan Graham, Sarah A. Stone, J. J. Biggs,† J. M. Roberts,† Samuel Wait, James Dennis, W. W. Vass,† T. B. Barnett, J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, T. Meredith and T. W. Graves.

The Committee to nominate officers reported the following, which were concurred in:

J. J. Finch, President; T. B. Barnett, 1st Vice President; N. J. Palmer, 2d do.; P. F. Pescud, Cor. & Rec. Secretary; J. F. Jordan, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

Board of Managers—C. W. Skinner, S. S. Biddle, S. Wait, J. Dennis, J. S. Purify, J. J. James, T. Meredith, L. DuPre, W. W. Vass, W. T. Brooks and J. J. Biggs.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet at early candle light, when Rev. J. J. James delivered an eloquent and spirited discourse on the objects of the Society, before a large audience; after which a collection was taken up amounting to $5 30, and the following additional members obtained, viz: Caroline Flanner,† Jane Reid,† E. Reid,† J. P. O'Brien,† J. G. Barkley, H. K. Ellyson and Nancy Dean.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet again during the session of the next annual State Convention.

JOSIAH J. FINCH, *President*,

P. F. PESCUD, *Secretary*.

Those marked thus † not paid.

Proceedings of the N. C. Baptist Bible Society.

Raleigh, Oct. 16, 1846.

The Society met at the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock P. M. The President, Rev. S. Wait, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Taylor.

On motion of J. J. Finch, W. T. Brooks, Wm. Jones and J. Solomon, were appointed to receive contributions from auxiliaries. The following were reported with the delegation annexed:

Beulah Bible Society—J. J. James, B. Patillo, T. W. Graves, N. J. Palmer. *Raleigh Association*—J. Norwood. *Bertie Union Meeting*—Dr. S. J. Wheeler. *Flat River Asso.*—H. Hester, F. Curing, Wm. Jones, T. Meredith, W. H. Jordan, J. Dennis, L. DuPre, W. W. Vass, T. B. Barnett, W. Parham.

N. J. Palmer and T. Meredith were appointed a committee to nominate officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year. The committee reported the following, which were concurred in:

Rev. J. J. James, President; Rev. J. J. Finch, Rev. S. Wait and J. Kerr, Vice Presidents; N. J. Palmer, Cor. Secretary; J. F. Jordan, Rec. Secretary; J. J. Biggs, Treasurer.

Board of Managers—J. B. White, W. T. Brooks, P. F. Pescud, D. S. Williams, Wm. Lineberry, T. Meredith, J. Dennis, W. W. Vass, L. DuPre, G. W. Collins, J. S. Purify, C. Graves, G. W. Purify, M. B. Royster, J. Hudson.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

To amount received of the Finance Committee at the last annual meeting of the Society,		$181 08
To amount from the PeeDee Associational Bible Society,		30 00
" " from Depository Agent, sale of Bibles,		29 35
" " subscriptions collected,		5 65
" " from Rev. L. DuPre,		222 15
		$468 23
By Am't, paid for Bibles and Testaments,	120 00	
" " " Rev. R. Jacks, Agent,	50 00	
" " " Rev. T. Meredith for printing Minutes,	5 00	
" " forwarded to Parent Society,	30 00	
" " for exchange on draft on N. Y.	90	
" " For freight on 2 boxes Bibles,	3 88	209 78
		$258 25
" Public collections and contributions		49 35
" " Paid by Mt. Gillead church Female Society,		5 00
" " " Rev. J. Dennis for Cedar Fork Bible Society,		18 25
" " " Cash Subscriptions,		4 00
To am't from the Cape Fear Bible Soc. per Mr. J. M. Beasley,		35 25
		370 30

J. J. BIGGS, *Treas.*

On Motion, Rev. J. B. Taylor was requested to preach the annual sermon in behalf of the Society, in place of Rev. J. Dennis absent.

The dollar and fifty cents received for the Burman Bible, were ordered to be forwarded to the Board at Boston.

On motion, the members of the Union Association present, were invited to take seats.

The Report of the Board of Mangers was called for. Report recommitted.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to forward so much of the funds as he has received from the Agent of the Am. & For. Bible Society, as were intended for the foreign Field, to the Board at Richmond.

On motion of Prof. J. B. White, the article of the Constitution making this Society auxiliary to the Am. & For. Bible Society *was stricken out.*

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay for the Bibles purchased.

The committee on contributions made the following report:

Raleigh Association $10 35, Beulah do. $10, Flat River do. $2, Bertie U. M. $1, T. Meredith 1, S. Wait 1, J. Solomon 1, W. T. Brooks 1, E. W. Brooks 1, D. S. Williams 1, C. W. Skinner 1, T. Crocker 1, L. Perry 1, J. G. Barkley 1, S. L. O'Brien 1, D. DuPre sen. 1, D. DuPre jr. 1, Mary P. White 1, J. McDaniel 1.

Adjourned to meet after the sermon to night.

9 o'clock, P. M.

Society met according to adjournment. $5 were received from Mt. Gillead Female Society.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

October 20, 1846.

The Society met at the call of the President, in the lecture room of the Baptist Church, at 3 o'clock P. M. President in the chair. N. J. Palmer was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay $5 for printing the minutes, and that the balance of the funds for the Home Department be laid out in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments from the Am & For. Bible Society, and that the funds for foreign distribution be sent to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That we will receive no funds from any Agent of the Am. & For. Bible Society, after the end of this year.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society, and they are hereby tendered to Rev. J. B. Taylor for his excellent sermon delivered before the Society, and that a copy of the same be requested for publication in the Baptist Preacher.

On motion, it was ordered that the Constitution of this Society, and its proceedings, be published with the minutes of the Convention at their expense.

Rev. T. Meredith was appointed to preach the anniversary sermon.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Friday before the 3d Sunday in Oct. 1847, with the State Convention.

J. J. JAMES, *President.*

J. F. JORDAN, *Rec. Sec.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Date of Report.	When Constituted.	No. of Churches.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Baptized.	Total.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Abbott's Creek,	1845	1825	11	4		4	284	J. Davis, Abbott's Creek.
Bear Creek,*	1845	1834	10	4		3	261	C. Tolson, Burnsville.
Beulah,	1845	1834	13	6	1	267	1012	G. W. Purify, Chapel Hill.
Big Ivy,	1843	1829	13	11	5	72	467	L. Palmer, Ivy P. O.
Brier Creek,	1845	1821	18	17	5	36	686	J. Martin, (dec'd 1846) Brier Creek.
Cape Fear,	1845	1805	47	12	15	164	3355	H. Lenon, Big Swamp.
Catawba Riv'r,	1843	1826	15	8		18	305	T. Carleton, Perkinsville.
Chowan,	1846	1806	42	25	10	378	6470	S. J. Wheeler, Murfreesborough.
Contentnea,*	1844	1823	17	5		21	555	Ichabod Moore, Saratoga.
Council,	1844	1836	4	3		9	155	Allen Whitfield.
Country Line,*	1844	1806	21	17	2	36	1314	S. I. Chandler, Ebenezer.
Fisher's Riv'r,*	1845	1832	13	5		6	254	H. Steele, Little Yadkin.
Flat River,	1846	1794	18	5	4	65	2203	T. B. Barnett, Abram's Plains.
French Broad,	1843	1807	13	10	2	8	455	L. L. Branson, Burnsville.
Green River,	1844	1841	23	10	6	78	1022	J. C. Grayson, Golden Grove.
Kehukee,*	1846	1771	40	16		29	1154	J. D. Biggs, Williamston.
Lewis' Fork,	1845	1836	18	9		42	763	R. L. Steele, Harper's Store.
Liberty,	1845	1832	12	6	4	21	589	A. Williams, Reed's Cross Roads.
Little River,*	1844	1829	20	12			400	J. H. Kennedy, Smithfield.
Mayo,*	1843	1809	10	4	2	15	358	Wm. Fewell, Madison.
Mountain,*	1845	1790	24	9		61	1134	A. B. McMillan, Jefferson.
PeeDee,	1845	1815	16	7	4	49	1121	A. N. Nicholson.
Raleigh,	1845	1806	27	22	7	181	2955	S. P. Norris, Holly Spring.
Salem,	1845	1838	19	7	2	115	759	J. Brevard, Fairview.
Sandy Creek,	1845	1758	23	9	5	146	1760	N. Richardson, Temperance Hill.
Tar River,	1845	1831	18	6	6	313	2074	W. D. Webb, Belford.
Three Forks,	1845	1841	13	8	3	14	642	R. Gentry, Jefferson.
Tuckasiege,	1845	1829	19	9	1	113	1607	G. F. Caler, Franklin.
Union,	1845	1844	35	17		169	2796	A. J. Battle, Goldsboro.
Valley River,	1845	1840	21	8	2	155	692	E. Hedden, Ga.
White Oak,*	1842	1829	16	7	1	16	387	R. Amans, Onslow C. H.
Yadkin,	1845	1790	14	12		67	678	A. W. Martin, Hamptonville.
Freewill,	1844		71	57		145	3376	

* Anti Missionary.

List of Baptist Ministers in North Carolina.

Licentiates are in *Italic.*

A Abernathy, Drawing Creek;
M J Abernathy, Lincolnton;
Z B Adams, Brier Creek;
Wm F Adams, do.;
Jesse Adams, do.;
Jesee Adams, Smithfield;
Jno Adams, Hayfield;
Jesse Ammons, Ivy;
Joshua Ammons, Franklin;
Levi Andrews, Clover Garden;
T Andrews, Ashville;
James Armstrong, White Oak;
James Arrawood, Burnsville;
Jordan Ashley, Church's Store;
W A Atkinson, Rolesville;
Wm Ayers, Whitesville;
Stephen Bazemore, Windsor;
J K Barbour, Smithfield;
Wm Bass, Greensville;
S Baldwin;
J Barrow, Wilmington;
J G Barkley, Jackson;
A J Battle, Goldsboro;
M Bennett, Tarboro;
L B Bennett, Heathville;
Benj Beach, Elksville;
Wm C Berry, Spartanburg, S C;
Wm P Biddle, Newbern;
Joseph Biggs, Williamston;
James Blythe, Cathey's Creek;
Luke L Branson, Burnsville;
Jacob Briniger, Jefferson;
Jno Brooks, jr do;
Wm T Brooks, Forestville;
G L Brown, Whitesville;
S Brown, Northington;
Green Brown, Jonesville;
Baily Bruce, Fairview;
D Bryant, do;
James M Bryant, Stocksville;
Leonard Buchanan, Beaver Creek;
James Bunn, Flemington;
Wm Burns, Roxboro;
Benj Bynum, Snowhill;
S Byrd, Burnsville;
G F Caler, Franklin;
J Cantiell, Flat Rock;
Thos Carleton, Perkinsville;
Eli Carroll, Jackson Hill;
B Carroll, Kenansville;
Joshua Carter, Hamptonville;
B H Carter, Rendall's Store;
G W Carraman, Kendal's Store;
J D Chandler, Reedsville;
S J Chandler, McMurray's Store;
Stephen Chandler, Roxboro;
E N Chaffin, Farmington;
W Chaffin, Hamptonville;
Jehu Chastain, Fort Embiey;
H Cheek, Fishes' River;
Wm Church, Church's Store;
J Clark, Catawba Spring;
J B Clifton, Busbee's Store;
R P Claud, Mull's Grove;
D Cook, Worth's Store;
Willis Coggin, Gulf;
Blount Cooper, Hamilton;
S D Collins, Whitesville;
N P Corn, Flat Rock;
P C Connelly, Dockery's Store;
David Cox;
T Craig, Copenhagen;
A M Craig, Britton's Store;
Josiah Crudup, Staunton;
J Crutchfield, Emerson's Tanyard;
E Crutchfield, Patterson's Store;
W Culbreath;
J Q A Drake, Botanic Hill;
J N Daniel, Tarboro;
E Davis, Lanesborough;
Wm Dent, Warrenton;
Ruben Deaver, Ivy;
James Dennis, Hays' Store;
Wm Dewees, Franklin;
Wm Dickens, Tarboro;
Elias Dodson, Yanceyville;
P W Dowd, Holly Springs;
S Duty, Oxford;
D Dobbins, Rutherfordton;
G Douglas, Trap Hill;
Thos DuPre, Falkland;
Wm DuPre, Holly Springs;
Lewis DuPre, Raleigh;
Sam'l Dusenberry, Leesville;
Henderson Edwards, Belford;
Wm H Edwards, Flat Rock;
David Elder, Franklin;
J F Ellington, Smithfield;
Joseph Evans, FlatRock;
A Faw, Jefferson;
Jonathan Faw, do;
Jacob Faw, do;
M D Freeman, Louisburg;
J W Freeman, Fairview;

R Farthing, Cove Creek;
G Fennell, Harrell's Store;
S Ferguson, Wilksboro;
J J Fich, Raleigh;
E Forbes, Shiloh;
R Furman, Newbern;
Wm Garner, Hamptonville;
Seth Garrett, Franklin;
R Gentry, Worth's Store;
A J Gilbert, Emerson's Tanyard;
S Gibson, Quallatown;
Wm Goforth, New Hope;
J Green, Cove Creek;
L Griffin, Contentnea;
J Griffin, Greensville;
D Griffin, do;
J C Grayson, Golden Grove;
L Grimsley, Jefferson;
P Grimes, Hay Meadow;
S G Hamilton;
J Hall, Franklin;
Wm H Hamner, Mocksville;
L Hardison;
D Harrell, Windsor;
Wm Harrell;
Wm H Hardee, Jackson;
J Harrison, Hamptonville;
A Harris, Lilesville;
J Harrison, Fort Defiance;
D Hayes, Whitesville;
Wm Haynes, Waynsville;
J Haynes, Crabtree;
E Hester, Dutchville;
Wm L Hartson, Edenton;
D Harris, Mill Creek;
T Henson, Scott's Creek;
A Hildebrand, Lincolnton;
Wade Hill, Military Grove;
R Hinesly;
Wm D Holder, Franklin;
Wm Hooper, Forestville;
S Hold;
P Hadnett, Pittsboro;
Ezek Holland, Wadesboro;
Eli Holland, Smithfield;
B Holland, do;
T Hogwood, Pitch Landing;
C Howell, Franklin;
E Howell, South Quay, Va.;
J Howell, Holly Springs;
S Horn, Huntsville;
W Hollingsworth, Elizabethtown;
G W Huffham, Faison's Depot;
W Hudgins, Warrenton;
L A Hudson, Fairview;
G W Hughes, Murphy;
J Hunnicut, Forestville;
L Horton, Wakefield;
Wm Hyman, Tarboro;
R Jacks, Jefferson;
J Jackson, Forestville;
J J James, Yanceyville;
M W Jones, New Lebanon;
Wm Jones, Chapel Hill;
J Jones, Surry C H;
C Jones, Jefferson;
A Jones, Goldsboro;
Wm H Jordan, Williamsboro;
P Jordan, Elizabeth City;
R Jordan, Cathey's Creek;
T B Justice, Edneysville;
J H Kennedy, Smithfield;
J Kimsey, Hiwassee;
A Kinney, Jackson Hill;
J King, Blue Wing;
T King, Halifax Va;
J King, Hendersonville;
A King, Roxboro;
L Kingsbury, Rumford;
B T Kirby, Beattie's Ford;
B Lanier, Mt Lebanon;
H Lennon, Princess Ann;
D Lennon, Big Swamp;
J Lassiter, Smithfield;
J Lee;
Wm Lineberry, Lawrence;
C Livingston, Harper's Store;
G W Lovingood, Murphy;
J Lyon, Flat Rock;
J McDaniel, Wilmington;
J F McCall, Wadesboro;
B McBride, Jefferson;
L McCurry, Duncan's Creek;
Robert McKee, Country Line;
G W McNeely, Leaksville;
H McAlpin, Lexington;
W McNeely, Mays;
R McNabb, Kenansville;
N Martin, Fayetteville;
T Mason, do;
M Mason, Cathey's Creek;
Mark May, Jonesville;
T Meredith, Raleigh;
Wm H Merritt, Chapel Hill;
[illegible] Meares, Bladen C H;
E Mecorns, Stanhope;
M L Mizell, Windsor;
J Midcalf, Ivy;
N Mills, Tryon;
P Miller, Burnsville;
Wm Mince, Flat Rock;
J E Mingas, Quallatown;
Z Minor, Fair Grove;
J Monroe, Mount Pelier;
J Montague, Oxford;
Ichabod Moore, Saratoga;

S Moore, do;
C Moore, Gardner's Bridge;
S Moore, Tyson's Store;
S Morgan, Stocksville;
S P Morton, Albemarle;
E Morton, Lilesville;
D J Mott, Tarboro;
W E Mull, Franklin;
J Murray, Stantonsburg;
J Nash Elizabeth City;
Z Neal, Brown's Store;
D R Newton, Princess Ann;
B Nixon, Edenton;
A Norden, Fayetteville;
A Norman, Brier Creek;
N Norwood, Roxboro;
J Nowell, Colerain;
M Nowell, Eagle Rock;
Wm E Oakley, Dutchville;
S G O'Bryan, Forestville;
P Owen, Cowansville;
J R Owen, Lexington;
R Pardew, Brier Creek;
Wm H Pardew, Jonesville;
H P Parham, Burnsville;
D Parks, Jackson Hill;
B Padget;
D Pannill;
S Patrick, Columbia;
H W Patterson, Montfort's Cove;
A Peacock, Tarboro;
J F Pendergrass, Franklin;
M Peterson, Burnsville;
P Phifer, Country Line;
W R Philpot, Tarboro;
D Phillips, Smithfield;
E Phillips, Temperance Hill;
C M Phillips, Stocksville;
Wm Pierce, Windsor;
P Pierce, Belford;
L Pipkin, Avensboro;
A Pleasant, Harper's Store;
S Pleasant, Roxboro;
P Powell, Hamptonville;
J Powell, Coneconara;
H Pressler, Diamond Hill;
F Prevat, Fayetteville;
J L Pritchard, Milton;
J Pritchard, Charlotte;
J Purify, Northington;
G W Purify, Chapel Hill;
J S Purify, Forestville;
P Puckett, Jacksonville;
L J J Puckett;
E Ramy, Fisher's River;
J Raynes, Franklin;
Wm Rees, Barnsville,
D J Rhea;
Jas Rhea, Burnsville;
Jesse Rhea, do;
E Rives, Jefferson;
R E Rives;
N Richardson, Temperance Hill;
Wm Richards, Walnut Lane;
M Rickman, Mill River;
J Robertson, Leaksville;
H Robbins;
J Robertson, Kenansville;
J Robertson, Leaksville;
J Rogers, Sampson C H;
J Ross, Windsor;
S Ross, Grayson, Va;
T J Rollins, Spartenburg, S C;
J Rowan, Lexington;
J Runnion, Ivy;
Wm M Rushing, Meltonsville;
A Sadbury, Onslow C H;
L Sanderlin, Shiloh;
D Sanderlin, Jonesboro;
J H Sasser, Smithfield;
N Senter, Jefferson;
S Senter, Holly Spring;
A Shattuck, Temperance Hill;
J Silver, Beaver Creek;
H M Sloop;
J Smith, Greensville;
Josiah Smith;
S P Smith, Wilksboro;
P Smith, Kinderhook;
S Snyder, Greensville;
R Shreeves, Wentworth;
C Sparks, Brier Creek;
Wm Solomon, Albemarle;
H Speight, Middle Swamp;
H Spivey, Louisburg;
J Stadler, Anderson's Store;
H Steele, Little Yadkin;
Hiram Stallings, Hillsville;
J Stevenson, Raleigh;
A B Stevens, Leesville;
S Stone, Albemarle;
Isham Stone, Lumberton;
S D Swain, Jonesville;
T Stradly, Ashville;
A Swain, Jamestown;
B Slides, Jamesville;
Wm Swanson, Duncan's Creek;
H Swinson, Snow Hill;
J Suckatowie, Franklin;
S Tatum, Elizabeth City;
N Taylor, Greenville;
B Temple, Raleigh;
S Terrill, Eagle Rock;
N H Tindall, Wright's Folly;
E Taylor, Contentnea;
N Thompson, Yadkin;
G M Thompson, Murfreesboro;
Q H Trotman, Mintonsville;
Wm Turner, Lexington;
O Turner, Lumberton;
G Tussey, Lexington;
D Umstead, Red Mountain;
T J Valentine, Yanceyville;
J Vannoy, Harper's Store;

T Waff, Edenton;
S Wait, Forestville;
J Wallace, Washington;
G W Wallace, Kenansville;
A Wamble, Emerson's Tanyard;
B Ward;
P Ward, Jonesville;
J L Warren, Long Creek Bridge;
T Weaver, Chapel Hill;
J M Webb, Rutherfordton;
W Wells, Roxboro;
R Welborn, Jonesville;
I W West, Warsaw;
S Wilder, Eagle Rock;
J Wilder, Anderson's Store;
L F Williams, Clinton;
D S Williams, Fayetteville;
A Williams, Reed's Cross Roads;
Wm Wilson, Marley's Mills;
J Wilson, Sampson;
T Wilcox, Belford;
E Wicker, Powel's Point;
J Wilkie, Franklin;
W Wilkie;
B Willis, Yanceyville;
J Wilcoxson, Jefferson;
J Wilkinson, Norwood;
J B White, Forestville;
J Wheeler, Burnsville;
Wm White, Ballard's Bridge;
H White, Windsor;
Wm White, do;
H J White, St. John's;
Wm Whitaker, Williamston;
J G Woodall, Smithfield;
H Woodard, Lumberton;
J Woodard;
T Wright, Brier Creek;
M Wright;
Isaac Wright.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. C. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.*

ART. 2. The primary objects of the Convention shall be, the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-opperation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of Missions in general.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of such individuals and of delegates from such bodies as shall contribute the sum of ten dollars whether the same be contributed to the general Treasury* or to the particular Boards hereafter to be constituted—which sum or sums shall be appropriated agreeably to the specific intentions of the donors.

ART. 4. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.—The President, and in case of his absence, the Vice President according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Convention. The Secretary shall correspond with such Societies and individuals, and preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all moneys, hold the same subject to the order of the Convention, make annual reports and give security for the faithful discharge of his duty. The Auditor shall carefully examine every report submitted by the Treasurer, compare the same with his books and report on the same.

ART. 5. The Convention shall elect annually three Boards to be denominated, the Education Board, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board, and to be located at such places as the Convention shall, from time to time, direct.

ART. 6. Each Board shall consist of fifteen members; elect its own officers; prescribe their duties; appoint its own agencies; fill vacancies which occur during the recess of the Convention; hold quarterly and such other meetings at such times and places as may be thought best; keep a record of its proceedings; make such compensations to its officers and agents as shall be thought proper; have the entire management of the objects respectively submitted to them, subject, however, to the constitution of the Convention, and to such by-laws, or instruction as this body shall, from time to time, enact or give; and present annual reports of all their doings at the regular meetings of this body.

ART. 7. The Treasurer of each Board shall faithfully account for all moneys received and disbursed by him, make a report of the names to this body, which report shall be duly examined by the Auditor of the Convention.

ART. 8. The Convention shall hold its meetings at such times and places as it shall direct.

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* By "General Treasury," is meant that held by the Treasurer of the Convention, in distinction from that of each separate Board.

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VICE PRESIDENTS.

1. D. S. Williams, 2. Calvin Graves,
3. G. C. Moore.
J. J. James, *Corresponding Secretary.*
N. J. Palmer, *Recording Secretary.*
James S. Purify, *Treasurer.*
Wm. T. Brooks, *Auditor.*
W. Jones, *General Agent.*

Board of Managers located at Milton.

Gen. B. Graves,	Edward M. West,	Thos. S. Yarborough,
J. S. Yarborough,	Sidney S. Lea,	Augustin Timberlake,
Wm. T. Walters,	Gen. Wm. Lea,	T. Meredith,
W. T. Brooks,	Hamilton Hester,	Wm. J. Moore,
John Kerr,	J. B. White,	Oscar F. Baxter,
J. J. Finch,	G. W. Thompson,	W. H. Jordan,

S. Wait, and William Russell, with the officers of the Convention.

PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Thursday, Oct. 12th, 1848.

The members of the Convention and others, having assembled at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Introductory sermon was preached, agreeably to appointment, by Elder D. S. Williams of Cumberland County, from the 1st chapter of the 1st Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, 10th vs. "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no dissensions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment."

After the conclusion of the sermon, and prayer by Elder Elias Dodson, the Hon. Alfred Dockery, President of the last Convention, called the members to order, and opened its proceedings with prayer.

On motion, Elder N. A. Purify and brethren A. W. Martin and Drury A. Harris were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The list of Associations were called, when the following Delegates were announced:

AUXILIARIES. DELEGATES.

Raleigh Association—D. S. Williams, Wm. T. Brooks, N. A. Purify, T. Meredith, N. Gardner, John A. Battle, Wm. H. Bunn.

Beulah Association—J. J. James, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, N. J. Palmer, A. H. Barnes, J. B. Churchell, K. Thompson, R. W. Lawson, V. P. Vaden, Matthew R. Moore, J. W. Gibson, Calvin Carroll, Wm. B. Boyles, Henry Ferguson.

Liberty Association—Wm. Turner.

Flat River Association—Wm. Jones, H. Hester, Drury A. Harris.

Pee Dee Association—A. Dockery.

Yadkin Association—Mark May, A. W. Martin, J. J. Blackwood, D. C. Cockerham, John Kennon, S. C. Tatum, R. C. Wiseman, B. F. Eaton, Ezra Tatum, Wm. G. Brown, A Roby, E. Swann, Jo[illegible] Hurt, J. N. Frost, James Clifford, James C. Martin, Jas. Foote.

Brier Creek Association—James M. Parks.

Western Baptist Convention of N. C.—Joseph C. Grayson and Bailey Bruce.

Union Association—Isaac Boykin, C. T. Stephens.

Cartlidges Creek Church—A. Dockery.
Boykin's Chapel—J. W. Wiseman.
Mount Airy Church—Charles Whitlock.
Friendship Church—John L. Carroll.
Hester's Church—Fleming Currin.
Mount Zion Church—Wm. Hobgood.
Mount Herman—James Strayhorn.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for President—when Hon. Alfred Dockery of Richmond county, was unanimously re-elected.

A Committee consisting of Elders Mark May, William T. Brooks, and Elias Dodson, were appointed to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention—upon their report the following were appointed.

D. S. Williams, first Vice President.
Hon. Calvin Graves, second do.
Dr. G. C. Moore, third do.
J. J. James, Cor. Secretary.
N. J. Palmer, Esq., Recording Sec.
Elder James S. Purify, Treasurer.
Wm. T. Brooks, Auditor.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Elders J. J. James, D. S. Williams, and Wm. Jones were appointed to arrange the order of business of the Convention, and report to-morrow.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, Elder Mark May, and brethren J. J. Blackwood, A. W. Martin, James Cockerham, and James M. Parks, were appointed a Committee to arrange the religious exercises during the session of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention agreed to give way to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to a meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock. Prayer by Elder John Robertson.

Friday, Oct. 13th, 1848.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened with religious services, conducted by Elder Wm. T. Brooks.

The Proceedings of yesterday were read by the Secretary, and the names of a number of additional members enrolled.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented, read, and adopted.

Brother N. J. Palmer offered a resolution in relation to the establishment of a Male and Female Institute in Rockford, N. C., which, after remarks by the mover, and Elders May, Dodson, and Brooks, on further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Elder John Robertson

Resolved, That the Convention recommend to the Baptist church-

es throughout the State, to set apart the first day of January next, as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a revival of religion in this State and throughout the world.

On motion, brother N. J. Palmer, H. Hester, and J. N. Frost, were appointed a Committee to nominate a Board of Managers of the Convention—who reported the following list, and recommended the location of the Board in Milton, N. C., which was adopted.

Gen. Barzillai Graves, Gen. Wm. Lea, E. W. West, T. Meredith, T. S. Yarborough, J. J. Yarborough, Wm. J. Moore, Sidney S. Lea, John Kerr, A. Timberlake, J. B. White, Wm. T. Walters, O. F. Baxter, H. Hester, Elias Dodson, J. J. Finch, Wm. Russell, G. W. Thompson, Wm. H. Jordan, Samuel Wait.

On motion of Elder T. Meredith, it was ordered that a Committee of three be appointed on the following objects, to wit: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Tracts, Periodicals, Temperance, and Sunday Schools.

Correspondents to State Conventions and Associations were called upon to report; and reports were made so far as the correspondents had attended.

The Convention then proceeded to appoint correspondents to sister State Conventions and Associations—when the following were appointed:

To the General Association of Virginia—to meet in the city of Richmond, on Friday before the first Sabbath in June, 1849—J. J. James, R. I. Devin, J. J. Finch, Elder Kendrickson, S. J. Wheeler, N. J. Palmer, Calvin Graves, and D. S. Williams.

South Carolina Baptist State Convention—to meet at Greenville, S. C., on Friday before the second Sabbath in December next—D. S. Williams, T. Meredith, J. J. Brantley, Wm. H. Jordan, J. M. Beasley, J. McDaniel, and J. Munroe.

North Carolina Baptist Western Convention—to meet at Rock Spring Camp Ground, in Polk County, N. C., on Friday after the 4th Sabbath in August, 1849—Elder Mark May, J. J. James, T. Meredith, E. Dodson, Drury A. Harris, Wm. Jones, and N. J. Palmer.

To the Western Baptist Association of Virginia—R. I. Devin, John Robertson, Drury A. Harris, E. Dodson, Daniel G. Taylor, and T. S. Yarborough.

The Convention then proceeded to select the time and place of the meeting of the next Convention. Applications were made for the Convention to be held at Oxford, and Friendship M. H. in Cumberland County—the latter of which was withdrawn, and, on motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Convention be held in Oxford, Granville County, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1849. Professor Wm. T. Brooks

was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, Professor J. B. White his Alternate. Elder J. J. James was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath; Dr. Wm. A. Shaw his Alternate.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Foreign Missions—Thomas Meredith, D. C. Cockerham, A. Roby.

Domestic Missions—E. Dodson, J. J. Blackwood, B. F. Eaton.

Education—W. T. Brooks, John Hurt, J. C. Grayson.

Tracts—D. S. Williams, J. N. Frost, E. Tatum.

Periodicals—M. May, G. C. Tatum, B. Bruce.

Temperance—William Jones, John Robertson, A. W. Martin.

Sunday Schools—K. Thompson, R. C. Wiseman, W. J. Parks.

On motion, the Convention agreed to give way to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the annual meeting of the N. C. Baptist Bible Society.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder E. Dodson.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 14.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. J. James.

The roll of members were called by the Secretary, and a number of members having arrived since the last meeting, their names were enrolled.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, Matthew R. Moore, Esq., was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Report of the Board of Managers was called for, presented, and read by Elder J. J. James; which, on motion, was received and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

The report of the Treasurer, J. S. Purify, was presented and read by the Secretary, and, on motion, referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was presented and read, from Dr. Thomas Curtis of the Limestone Springs Female Institute, in relation to aiding the Broad River Society in aid of the spread of the gospel, in employing a Missionary—which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from Elder William Turner, of the Liberty Association, in relation to assisting that Association in the employment of Rev. R. Jacks as a missionary—which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

A letter was presented and read from the Mount Zion church,

Granville county, N. C., in relation to receiving William S. Hobgood a licentiate of that church, as a beneficiary, which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Managers.

A communication was also received and read from the Yadkin Association; which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Managers.

Elder William Jones the Agent of the Convention was called upon for his report, which he presented and read, when, on motion, it was accepted and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

On motion of N. J. Palmer in the absence of the Treasurer, Elder N. A. Purify was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

On motion, the Convention unanimously agreed to appoint a general agent for the ensuing year, with a salary of $40 per month; and a committee was appointed to confer with Elder Wm. Jones in regard to his re-appointment.

Elder E. Dodson from the Committee on Home Missions presented their Report, which was read, and after remarks by Elder J. J. James, E. Dodson, N. J. Palmer, Wm. Jones, was adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

The following resolution was presented by Elder T. Meredith, and adopted.

Resolved, That it be recommended to such churches or communities as may desire the aid of the Convention in the support of a Missionary, to seek such a man as may be considered qualified for the station proposed, then to ascertain what can be procured in the station, or by the industry of the Missionary himself, and then to apply to the Convention or its board for the balance.

The Resolution offered on yesterday in relation to the establishment of a Male and Female Institute in Rockford, was taken up and being amended to read as follows, was adopted by the Convention.

At the request of the parties concerned, *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend the establishment of a Male and Female Classical Institute in the town of Rockford, Surry county, N. C., to be called the Rockford Male and Female Institute, to be subject to such provisions as its friends may deem proper.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and read by Rev. T. Meredith, and on motion, adopted and ordered to be published.

The Report on Periodicals was presented and read by Elder M. May, and, on motion, accepted and ordered to be published.

The Report of the Committee on Tracts was presented and read by Elder D. S. Williams, and, on motion, accepted and ordered to be published.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented and read by Professor W. T. Brooks, and after remarks by Elder J. J.

James and N. J. Palmer, was, on motion, adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until Monday morning 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder T. Meredith.

Sunday, Oct. 15.

At nine o'clock a prayer meeting was held by the members of the Convention, conducted by Elder Wm. Jones. At ten o'clock a sermon was preached by Elder T. Meredith, from Mat. 16 ch. 26 verse.

The Conventional sermon was preached by Elder William Jones, Agent of the Convention, from 2 Corinthians 9th vs.

The objects of the Convention were then explained by Hon. A. Dockery, when a public collection was taken up in aid of its funds, amounting to $32 06.

After an intermission the services were closed by a sermon from Elder J. J. James, from Acts 17: 29 and 30, followed by brief exhortations from Elders Dodson and May. A large congregation were in attendance, most of whom listened to the word of life with marked attention, giving evidence of their interest in those important truths which pertain to eternal life.

At night Elder B. Bruce of the Western Convention preached at the stand, Professor Brooks in the Court House, and Elder D. S. Williams to the coloured people in the church.

Monday morning, Oct. 15.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after religious exercises conducted by Rev. John Robertson.

The roll was called, and the proceedings of yesterday read by the Secretary.

Brother K. Thompson from the Committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was read and accepted.

Elder B. Bruce from the Western Convention offered the following resolution, which was, after remarks by him, adopted.

Resolved, That as much inconvenience has long existed in our denomination for want of a suitable and general Hymn Book, we are now glad to recommend to our churches for their spiritual edification in devotional exercises, the Baptist Hymn Book, by Elder Wm. C. Buck, as published by Messrs. Monsorat & Co., Louisville, Ky., believing it to possess superior advantages to any now in use among us.

The Committee appointed to confer with Elder Wm. Jones, General Agent of the Convention, made a report recommending his reappointment for the ensuing year, which was unanimously concurred in by the Convention.

The proceedings of the Board of Managers was read by the Secretary, and, after a slight amendment, approved by the Convention.

The letter from the Liberty Association, was, on motion, referred to the Board of Managers.

On motion, Elder D. S. Williams, and brethren J. W. Martin and Matthew R. Moore were appointed a committee to nominate Delegates to attend the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, commencing on the first Wednesday in May, 1849—who reported the names of J. J. James, T. Meredith, William Jones, John Kerr, N. J. Palmer, E. Dodson, N. A. Purify and John Robertson, who were unanimously appointed as Delegates.

Elder N. A. Purify, from the committee on Finance, made a report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to have 2000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and circulated, and was allowed $25 for his services the past year.

On motion of Elder D. S. Williams, it was ordered that the funds received by the Raleigh Association for the support of Elder M. T. Yates and wife, Missionaries to China, and all other funds raised in the State for the support of Foreign Missions, be paid to the Treasurer of the Southern Foreign Mission Board at Richmond.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was

Resolved, That the Southern Foreign Mission Board at Richmond be respectfully requested in future not to appoint Agents for this State, without consulting this Convention or its Board of Managers.

On motion, the application from the Wake Forrest church, for aid to brother Kimbrough Thomson, a licentiate of the Mount Airy church, in obtaining an education at Wake Forrest College, was taken up. After an examination, at the request of the President, by Elder Meredith, and the relation of his christian experience, his call to the Ministry, and his approval of the doctrines, ordinances, and dicipline of the Baptist church, also remarks by Elder John Robertson, Professor Brooks, and Elder Elias Dodson, in relation to his christian conduct and his application to his studies, he was unanimously received as a beneficiary of the Convention for twelve months.

The application from the Mount Zion church, in Granville county, N. C., in behalf of William S. Hopgood, a licentiate, to become a beneficiary of this Convention in obtaining an education, was then taken up. He was also examined, at the request of the President, by Elder T. Meredith, and after the relation of his christian experience, call to the Ministry, and approval of the doctrines, ordinances and discipline of the Baptist church, and remarks by Elder

William Jones respecting his christian character, he was unanimously received by the Convention as one of its beneficiaries for twelve months.

On motion of Elder T. Meredith,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and requested to borrow a sufficiency of money to pay off all the present liabilities of the Convention.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Convention was offered by Elder William Jones :

Any regular member of the Baptist church, by contributing at one time the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he continues a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he belongs. Also by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, or in instalments, may become a life member of the Board of Managers, upon the same conditions :

The amendment was read, and after remarks by Elders James, Meredith, and Brother N. J. Palmer, it was, on motion, referred to a committee, consisting of A. Docker, T. Meredith, J. J. James, N. A. Purify, William Jones, and W. T. Brooks, to consider of the same and report to the next session of the Convention.

On motion of Bother N. J. Palmer,

Resolved, That a letter be addressed by the Corresponding Secretary to the churches having Beneficiaries of the Convention, respectfully requesting them to raise all the funds they can in aid of their support.

On motion of the same, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the Brethren and citizens of Rockford and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality extended to its members during the session of the Convention.

The Convention having gone through with all its business, at the request of the President, its members were addressed in a feeling and appropriate manner, by Rev. Thomas Meredith, one of its oldest members, at the conclusion of which he led in prayer. The members then united in singing the parting hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c.

The President then adjourned the Convention, to meet again in the town of Oxford, Granville county, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1849.

ALFRED DOCKERY, *President.*

ATTEST—NATHANIEL J. PALMER, Recording Sec'y.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention met at Rockford, N. C., on Thursday evening, the 12th of October, 1848.

Present, Alfred Dockery, *President*, N. J. Palmer, Secretary, Elders D. S. Williams, J. J. James, and T. Meredith.

The Board having been called to order, the reports of Elders Mark May, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, and J. J. James, Missionaries of the Board, also the report of Elder Daniel G. Taylor, who had labored for a short time at the request of the Secretary.

On motion, Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay to Elder John Robertson, Missionary of the Board, one hundred and seventy-five dollars, for four months' service, deducting therefrom $51 50, the amount reported as received by him.

On motion, The Treasurer was directed to pay Elder J. J. James twenty-five dollars for his services as Missionary to Greensborough, the past year.

On motion, Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to Elder Mark May, Missionary to the Yadkin Association, two hundred and fifty dollars, for ten months' services, deducting therefrom $180 70, the amount reported as receive d by him.

On motion, Ordered, That Elder Daniel G. Taylor be allowed fourteen dollars for twenty-one days' ser vice as a Missionary, and that the Treasurer pay the same.

On motion, Ordered that the Treasurer pay Elder Thomas Meredith eighty-one dollars, for printing 1500 copies of the Minutes of the last Convention.

On motion, Elder J. J. James was appointed to draw up the Annual Report of the Board, and report it to a meeting to be held tomorrow evening or Saturday morning.

The Board then adjourned. A. DOCKERY, Pres't.

Test.—N. J. Palmer, *Secretary*.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 14, 1848.

The newly appointed Board of Managers met, according to appointment, in Rockford.

Present—A. Dockery, President, T. Meredith, J. J. James, H. Hester, N. J. Palmer, William T. Brooks, and D. S. Williams.

On motion, and upon application of the Yadkin Association, Elder Mark May was re-appointed Missionary for that Association, upon the same terms as last year.

On motion, Elder J. J. James was appointed Missionary of the Convention to Greensborough, with a salary of one hundred dollars per annum, the amount contributed there to be deducted from his salary.

On motion, Elder John Robertson was appointed a Missionary of the Convention, for the ensuing year, to labor in the counties of Rockingham, Stokes, Guilford, and Surry, at a salary of $25 per month, the amount received by him from the churches and others, to be deducted from his salary.

At the request of the Liberty Association, Elder R. Jacks was appointed Missionary, to labor in the bounds of that Association for six months, they agreeing to provide for his support.

Upon the application of the Beulah Association, Elder Elias Dodson was re-appointed Missionary, to labor in the bounds of that Association the ensuing year, they agreeing to provide for his support.

On motion, Elder N. A. Purify was appointed Missionary to the Towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, Lexington, and Statesville, for twelve months.

On motion, Elder Samuel P. Smith was appointed Missionary within the bounds of the Briar Creek Association, for six months, with the condition that the Association and churches provide for one-half of his support.

Elder T. Meredith, a member of the Board, was requested to write to Rev. Thomas Curtis, D. D., for further information in relation to the application by him, on behalf of Broad River Society, in aid of the spread of the Gospel, for aid in employing a Missionary, and communicate the same to the Board at Milton.

A. DOCKERY, *President.*

Test—N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The Society held its third Anniversary, according to adjournment, in the Baptist Church at Rockford, on Friday evening, the 13th of October, 1848.

After a sermon by Rev. Elias Dodson, N. J. Palmer, Esq., first Vice President, in the absence of the President, took the chair, and called the Society to order.

Its exercises were opened, after singing and prayer by Professor William T. Brooks, of Wake Forest College.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Kimbrough Thompson was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

The objects of the Society were then stated by the President, who called upon the Rev. J. J. James, who addressed the Society The Society was also addressed successively by Prof. Brooks, Rev. T. Meredith, and Rev. Elias Dodson.

At the conclusion of their addresses, a report was made from the Milton Depository. A report was subsequently made from the Fayetteville Depository.

Rev. Messrs. Williams, Dodson, Robertson and May were appointed to wait upon the Congregation, and receive the names of members and contributors to the funds of the Society, who reported an additional list of members, and that their subscriptions and contributions amounted to the sum of $14 67. While the collection was being made, the congregation united in singing the Missionary hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountain," &c.

On motion of Professor Brooks, a donation of Books to the amount of ten dollars was directed to be given to the Sabbath School which may be found within the bounds of the Baptist church at Rockford.

On motion of Rev. Elias Dodson, it was

Resolved, That a donation of books, to the amount of ten dollars, be given to the Sabbath School formed in connection with the church at Little Yadkin, in Stokes county.

Dr. William A. Shaw, of Washington, N. C., is requested to deliver the next anniversary Address or Sermon before the Society.

The following officers were elected, and Board of Managers appointed, the Board to be located at Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. J. J. Finch, *President.*

N. J. Palmer, Esq., *First Vice President.*

Professor J. B. White, *Second do.*

W. W. Vass, Esq., of Raleigh, *Corresponding Secretary.*

J. F. Jordan, Esq., *Recording Secretary.*

P. F. Pescud, of Raleigh, *Treasurer and Depository Agent.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

M. B. Royster, James C. Marcom, J. J. Biggs, T. Meredith, D. S. Williams, W. T. Brooks, S. G. O'Brian, C. F. Hester, N. A. Purify, D. Justice, L. C. Hinton, Francis King, G. W. Thompson, Jas. S. Purify, —— Allen, of Raleigh.

On motion, the Society then adjourned to hold its next annual meeting with the Convention in Oxford, N. C., on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1849.

The singing of the Doxology and Benediction by Rev. David S. Williams. N. J. PALMER, *Fisrt Vice Pres't.*

KIMBROUGH THOMPSON, Secretary pro. tem.

LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS

Of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, by the payment in money, or contribution in books, to the amount of ten dollars:

Rev. R. Furman, Professor W. T. Brooks, Rev. James S. Purify, C. W. Skinner, Esq., and N. J. Palmer, Esq.

Contributions and Subscriptions at Annual Meeting at Rockford:

Nathan Gardner,	$1 00	Mary G. Hurt,	50
Elisha Starbuck,	20	Nancy C. Miller,	50
James N. Straughn,	25	Lucy Delk,	50
R. M. Allison,	1 00	Elizabeth Crumpler,	50
James M. Parks,	50	E. Dodson,	25
Catharine Craner,	1 00	R. W. Lawson,	1 00
H. H. Gilliam,	1 00	Kimbrough Thompson,	1 00
Thomas Crumpler,	50	E. Whitlock,	1 00
A. H. Barnes,	25	F. B. Parks,	50
J. B. Churchill,	12	B. F. Eaton,	25
S. Miller,	25	C. Gillespie,	50
V. P. Vaden,	56	Franklin Gay,	10
John H. Hurt,	25	Lydia Belt,	50

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, met in the Baptist church immediately after the adjournment of the Convention. Present T. Meredith, D. S. Williams, William T. Brooks, N. A. Purify, and N. J. Palmer.

On motion, Elder T. Meredith took the chair, and Nathaniel J. Palmer acted as Secretary, *pro. tem.*

On motion, Elder A. Roby, of the Yadkin Association, was appointed one of the Colporteurs and Agent of the Society, for the purpose of selling its books and publications, encouraging and aiding in the formation of Sabbath Schools in the different churches and

neighborhoods he may visit, form auxilliary societies, and collect funds and obtain subscriptions in aid of the Society.

It was also ordered, that he be allowed twenty dollars per month for his services, to be paid out of the profits of the books sold, and the funds he may collect.

The Board then adjourned, to meet in Raleigh, at the call of the President. T. MEREDITH, Ch'm.

Test—N. J. PALMER, Sec'y. *pro tem.*

Any person, by the payment of one dollar annually, may become a member of this Society, and by the payment of ten dollars at one time, a life member; and by the payment of twenty-five dollars, a life Director.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Anniversary meeting of this institution was held, agreeably to adjournment, in the Baptist church at Rockford, N. C., on Saturday afternoon, the 14th of October, 1848.

The Rev. J. J. James, the President of the Society, took the chair, and called the Society to order.

Its public exercises were opened, after the reading the 19th Psalm, singing and prayer, by Rev. D. S. Williams, of Cumberland county.

The Secretary being absent, on motion, N. J. Palmer, Esq., was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The Constitution of the Society was read by the Secretary.

Upon the invitation of the President, the Society was addressed successively by Hon. A. Dockery, Rev. T. Meredith, Rev. D. S. Williams, N. J. Palmer, Esq., and Rev. John Robertson.

The following resolution was offered by N. J. Palmer, Esq.

Resolved, That the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures and the supply of the destitute, is the most valuable auxilliary in aid of the success of the Gospel of Christ;—

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following Delegates appeared from auxilliary Societies:

*Beulah Bible Society—J. J. James, John Robertson, N. J. Palmer, Vincent P. Vaden, and J. W. Gibson, Elias Dodson, M. R. Moore.

Flat River Association Bible Society—Hamilton Hester.

Pee Dee Bible Society—Hon. Alfred Dockery.

A communication was received from J. J. Biggs, former Treasurer, presenting a statement of the finances of the Society, and resigning his office.

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*The Beulah Bible Society has purchased and received for home distribution during the past year, Bibles and Testaments to the amount of forty dollars. It therefore did not send up any funds to the present Society.

The following officers and Board of Managers were then appointed:

Rev. J. J. James, President.
Rev. William H. Jorden, 1st Vice President.
Hamilton Hester, Esq., 2d Vice President.
Rev. R. I. Devin, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
Franklin B. Hester, Recording Secretary.
William Hunter, Depository Agent.

BOARD OF MANAGERS,

Located at Oxford, Granville County, N. C.:

William Parham, James B. Hopgood, William Jones, Nathaniel Cannady, Samuel Cannady, A. C. Parham, Bennet Hester, Elijah Hester, John Hermer, John Kerr, Esq., N. J. Palmer, Joseph Gooch, James M. Scatterwhite, Lewis Parham, George W. Jones, Joseph Howard, and James B. Jackson.

On motion, the Rev. J. L. Prichard, of Danville, was requested to deliver a sermon or annual address before the Society at its next meeting.

On motion, it was ordered that the Board of Managers be requested to appropriate the funds now in hand, and which may be received before the next annual meeting, in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments for supplying the destitute in the State. They were also requested to procure the Bibles and Testaments on hand at Raleigh, and the Treasurer to receive the funds in the hands of the former Treasurer.

The following contributions and subscriptions were received:

Pee Dee Association Bible Society, per A. Dockery,	$22	50	R. W. Lawson $1, Dr. Wilson $2,	3	00
Flat River Association Bible Society, per H. Hester, Treasurer,	19	00	John W. Gibson 25c, Vincent P. Vaden, 25c,		50
Rev. Wm. H. Merrit, per Rev. John Robertson,	10	00	L. H. Cash, 25c, John Setliff 25c,		50
Richard E. Reeves, $1,25 W. E. Edwards, 25 c.	1	50	J. A. Battle, 25c, T. Meredith $1,	1	25
Isaac Boykin, 50c, William Johnson $1,	1	50	Sundry persons, names not given,	1	75
Charles Whitlock, 50c, Jno. Robertson, 50c,	1	00	Total,	62	50

Which amount was paid over to H. Hester, Treasurer pro tem.

The Society, on motion, adjourned to meet with the Convention in Oxford, in October, 1848.

Prayer by A. Dockery. J. J. JAMES, *President.*

Test—N. J. PALMER, *Secretary Pro Tem.*

APPENDIX.

FORM OF AN AUXILLIARY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY:

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Publication and Sunday School Society of Church or town, the objects of which shall be the encouragement of the circulation of religious books and tracts, and the establishment of one or more Sabbath Schools and Libraries.

2. This Society shall be auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, and its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, who shall be elected annually.

3. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary shall record its proceedings; the Treasurer receive, keep, and disburse its funds, according to the order of the Society; and the Librarian shall have charge of the Library.

4. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the parent State Society, one half to be returned in books, at cost prices, and the other half devoted to the aid of destitute Sabbath Schools and neighborhoods.

5. The Society shall meet annually, or oftener, at the call of one or more of its presiding officers. At the annual meetings some one shall be selected to address the Society, or preach a sermon before it.

6. Any person may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its funds, or a life member by the contribution, at one time, of the sum of ten dollars.

Form of a bequest to the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

"I do hereby give and devise to the Trustees of the N. Carolina Baptist State Convention for the objects of that Convention, the sum of $ to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

If the donor desires it especially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or N. Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest.

N. J. PALMER, Sec'y.

Form of a bequest to the Wake Forest College.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Wake Forest College, incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of N. Carolina, the sum of $ for the use and benefit of the said Institution, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease." N. J. PALMER, Sec'y.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully report the following:

The great importance of Sabbath Schools in the different departments of Society, is now almost universally acknowledged. There may be a few who oppose them, but they are those who never enjoyed their advantages. We regret, however, to have to report, that, from the information we have been able to collect, this important institution has been greatly neglected during the past year, and that the churches generally, are far behind their duty in imparting, as far as possible, to the young a knowledge of the Bible.

Our Missionaries, Robertson and Dodson, inform us that they have established several Sabbath Schools during the past year, but they have been greatly neglected for the want of teachers to take an interest in them, and keep them up when established. Members of the church should take more interest in this institution; they should remember that, in order to do good, they must deny themselves.

The youth, while thus engaged, is secure from the temptations which so frequently beset that particular age; and he not only acquires a knowledge of the holy Scriptures, but, by associating with Christians, he is immediately led to inquire what he must do to inherit eternal life.

Some of the most useful men that were ever in the Baptist church, were zealous advocates of Sabbath Schools. Fox established Sabbath Schools. Hughs, one of the originators of the Bible Society in England, spent much of his time in Sabbath Schools. Most of our Missionaries to China took a deep interest in Sabbath Schools while in America. Dr. Going, one of our most eminent ministers, engaged with deep interest in Sabbath Schools.

KIMBROUGH THOMPSON, Ch'm.

Report on Tracts.

Your committee are aware that the subject of Tracts has, from time to time, been written upon, and spoken of, in our religious assemblies, and all that can be said has been said in their favor, and no one is disposed to doubt their usefulness to the generality of mankind. Many are the benefits that have been derived from the distribution of tracts, and many precious souls have been snatched from ruin by the reading of a simple tract.

The advantage that Tracts have over many of the efforts that are now put forth for the good of men is, that they can be circulated among that class of the community, and in the very haunts of sin, where the living witness could not be admitted.

But it may be said, that we are aware of the great good to be derived from the distribution of Tracts; but where are we to obtain them? We answer, from the Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society. The object of this Society is to sell to the friends of religion in North Carolina at the cheapest rates that can be afforded, Tracts, Biographies, and other publications for the special benefit of mankind. These Tracts, books, &c., may be obtained of the Depository agent at Raleigh.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, therefore, That our churches and Missionaries be requested to use their influence in circulating Tracts, &c., in the various regions in which they operate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. WILLIAMS, Ch'm.

Report on Education.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, ask leave to make the following report:

Education is of paramount importance, and demands the attention and co-operation of every friend of his race. Its use in the various departments of life is so obvious, and its practicability so universally conceded, at this day, that we deem it almost unnecessary to insist upon this feature of the subject.

To the Ambassador of Christ, a thorough education is necessary, to enable him to successfully meet and repel the various errors which are now propagated in the world. The prejudices of men must be broken down—the arguments of the infidel must be answered.

How is this to be done? Not by mere declamation, but by close and conclusive reasoning; by mind acting upon mind; by being able to clear the subject of the difficulties in which it may be involved, and to present it in such a clear and forcible light, that the judgment will be forced to submit.

This much desired object can be attained only by a laborious course of study, close thinking and discipline. The days of inspiration are past. God no longer holds the pen of his Ministers, and tells them what they must say. Men cannot receive knowledge intuitively, however sacred the office. "Strive to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly* dividing the word of truth," is the advice which Paul gives to Timothy.

We are happy, however, to say, that in our own denomination, a very manifest and commendable zeal is seen in the efforts which are now being made to establish schools, both male and female, in various sections of our country. Your committee cannot but regard this as a favorable token that those prejudices which have existed with regard to education, are now about to give way, and that a new era is about to dawn upon our country.

Allow your committee, in conclusion, to present to the fostering care

of the Convention, and to the Baptist denomination generally, the Wake Forest College.

This institution commenced operations in Feb., 1834, and from the repeated favors which God has shown it, in pouring out his holy spirit upon it, and from the patronage which it has received from various sections of our State, and from other States, we are led to the conclusion, that God's hand was in its formation.

By the liberality of some of its friends, the College is now nearly relieved from its pecuniary embarrassments, which have, hitherto, somewhat crippled its efforts; and will soon be placed on a firm basis.

The institution has a new and important collection of minerals, and a chemical and philosophical apparatus, sufficient to illustrate all the important facts and principles of Natural Science. We, as a denomination, must sustain *our own* institutions, by giving our money—our influence, and our patronage. Respectfully submitted.

W. T. BROOKS, Ch'm.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

The foreign field for Missionary labor has never been so extensive or so full of promise, as it is at the present time. In the Burman Empire, where our Missionaries were destined to toil for several years, without a single convert, there are now not only numerous converts, but churches, and even Associations. Native Pastors and Missionaries are numerous. Revivals of religion are frequent. Accessions are sometimes made by thousands; and, in some respects, the Missionary stations and districts begin to exhibit the aspect of a Christian country.

The vast empire of China has recently become accessible. We have several Missionaries now laboring, and preparing themselves to labor, in that field. As yet, but little has been done in the way of making converts, or raising up churches. Still the people are anxious to hear the gospel preached, to receive tracts, and to be otherwise informed on the subject of Christianity. The hope is confidently entertained that, with a divine blessing, the Gospel will be cheerfully accepted by that people, and that the whole empire will speedily become subject to the dominion of Christ.

Our missions in Germany have also been greatly prospered of late. Bro. Oncken and others have been instrumental, not only in effecting numerous conversions, but in constituting and sustaining sundry churches. If we recollect correctly, churches of our faith have been established, not only in Germany proper, but also in Prussia and Denmark.

Other denominations have been perhaps equally successful. In Turkey, in Prussia, in different portions of the East, and in the distant islands of the sea, the Congregationalists, the Presbyterians, and others, have extensive and flourishing Missions. This is emphatically a day of Missionary enterprise. Never before have such efforts been made to subdue the world to the dominion of truth. Never before has

heathenism been so resolutely assailed by the power of the gospel, or evinced such striking indications of a speedy submission to the reign of the Savior.

Under such circumstances, Christians find the strongest encouragement to labor for the spread of the gospel, and to anticipate the advent of that day, when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman.*

Report on Home Missions.

The committee on Home Missions make the following report:

This institution is of the first importance, as its object is to supply our own State with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the moral conquest of the world, the Home Mission is to be a mighty auxilliary. Its operation is not confined to North Carolina, but embraces the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our more immediate attention is directed to our own State. There is a great destitution in our Western borders. Besides a large scope of country, the towns of Salisbury, Lincolnton, Moxville, and others, are destitute of Baptist churches. To supply the great destitution in our State, we would recommend—

1st. That all Missionaries and Agents have moderate salaries, because most of our resources will arise from agriculture, the productions of which are always fluctuating in value. A Missionary can afford to labor on more moderate terms than a pastor, because his own board and that of his horse cost him nothing. Perhaps a married man should have some more than a single man, yet his wages should be moderate, for if he have a numerous family, he will have several large enough to assist in its support. If he has a small family, less will serve him. If all have moderate salaries, more laborers can work in the field, and more service can be rendered. Such a course will multiply friends, diminish enemies and receive the approbation of God. *Now and forever* let us avoid *extravagance* on one side, and *covetousness* on the other.

2d. That all the Missionaries do what they can, not only in collecting money on suitable occasions, but in preaching to the churches to support their pastors. By this means, all the pastors could go into the field, and aid the Missionaries in supplying the destitution. One Missionary in Kentucky is said to have done an immensity of good in this way, in 1838. Let our Missionaries follow the same example.

3d. As our field is so great, and our resources so small, not only in this State, but in the Southern States, your committee would recommend, after the exhaustion of all the means, that we follow the example of the Presbyterians in supplying *towns and villages* with the Gospel; that the Ministers obtain a portion of their support by teaching school.

In addition to what has been said, your committee recommend the churches to pray the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

ELIAS DODSON, Ch'm

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee on Periodicals present the following report:

We deem it of the utmost importance, in order to advance the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and the interests of our denomination, that a more wide and extensive circulation of good religious Periodicals, in some way, be speedily brought about. It is a matter to be deeply regretted, that the different religious Periodicals, and especially those at home, so to speak, should receive so little patronage among our brethren and friends within this State. Old North Carolina, with her forty thousand Baptists, a large number of friends, and only one religious Periodical, (the Biblical Recorder,) only furnishes about six or seven hundred subscribers to that most valuable paper. Brethren, these things ought not so to be; and as a remedy to this evil, we recommend that each subscriber to the Recorder consider himself a sort of voluntary agent, and do all he can to get one, two or more subscribers the ensuing year; also, let each one do what he can to encourage the publication of the Southern Baptist Review, as proposed by the Editor of the Recorder. Brethren, let us all wake up on the subject of Periodicals, and try what we can do the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARK MAY, *Chairman.*

Annual Report of the Board of Managers.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, who is providentially detained at home, and without the information which it was expected he would officially communicate, the Board can only furnish such facts of the labors of the past year, as their limited circumstances on this occasion have enabled them to collect.

With an expression of devout thankfulness to the Father of mercies for the bounties of another year, and especially for the preservation of the lives of the officers, of the Board of Managers, and of the Missionaries of the Convention, the Board will proceed to communicate directly, such information as they are able of the changes of the past Conventional year.

Home Mission Department.

The Home department has been conducted upon the plan heretofore pursued, and with encouraging success. Several Missionaries were employed at the last Convention, and some by the Board since. Their labors and success may be seen in the following statements, which are abridgements of their several reports.

Elder Mark May was appointed to labor in the bounds of the Yadkin Association, that body pledging for two-thirds of his support. In a report made to the Board, he says, "I have labored ten months; travelled 2000 miles; preached 179 sermons; baptised 57 persons; aided in the constitution of one church; and received from the churches and individuals, $180 70."

Elder John Robertson was appointed to labor in the counties of Rockingham, Stokes, and Surry. He says, "Since the last meeting of the Convention, I have labored as Missionary nine months; one of which I performed gratuitously, and one in consideration of a letter addressed to me by an unknown person, dated Forestville, N. C., and signed "Mary," enclosing $20, and requesting me to labor in Stokes county." He adds. "I have travelled 1488 miles; preached 90 sermons; baptized 12 persons; attended several protracted meetings; assisted in the consti-

tution of one church; and have received for domestic missions $51 59; for foreign missions $1 00; and for the Bible Society, 1 50."

Elder D. G. Taylor was requested to labor in connection with Bro. Robertson, from the 10th of September up to the present time. He states that, owing to sickness and inclement weather, he was able to labor only 21 days, during which time he travelled 368 miles; preached 18 sermons; baptized 3 persons, and assisted in the constitution of one church.

Elder J. J. James, who was requested by the Board to continue his labors in Greensboro, reports that, owing to the pressing nature of the interests of Wake Forest College, and other things which devolved upon him, he has been unable to supply the brethren and friends in Greensboro with regular preaching. In addition, however, to some other labors, he has held two protracted meetings, assisted each time by Bro. S. Wait. The meetings were well attended by the citizens of the town generally, and seemed to result in good to the Baptist cause. Several have been added by letter and experience, and one by baptism. There are about 15 members in this town who are formed into a branch of the Madison church. They are very anxious to be supplied with regular preaching, and request that the Convention will continue to assist. They expect also, shortly to procure a comfortable house of worship. He also adds, that Greensboro is a flourishing town of 2,000 inhabitants, and as a Missionary station promises as much as any other town in the State.

Elder E. Dodson was appointed to labor in the bounds of the Beulah Association, that body pledging his entire support. In his report he says:

"Duriug the associational year, I have travelled 2550 miles, preached 240 sermons, and baptized 73 persons. The miles travelled are fewer than in preceding years, because from the last of January to the middle of April, I was absent on a journey to and from Mississippi,

I have obtained for the Biblical Recorder 16 subscribers; for the Baptist Guardian 47; for the Southern Baptist 3; for the Christian Index 6; for the Alabama Baptist 4; for the Mississippi Baptist 1; for the Indian Advocate 4; for the Christian Review 1. As I passed through each State, I did everything I could for the press, because my experience for the last ten years has taught me that where there was an indifference to the press, there was generally an indifference to all other important objects, or less interest manifested in them. A church of 20 members, if 5 of them take religious papers, will do more for their pastor and every other benevolent object which adorns the age, than a church of 100 members who have ten times more property, and who do not take such periodicals.—Some excuse themselves by saying they are unable to take a paper. Such persons ought to reflect that the art of printing, which pours such a flood of light upon the world, is a very little advantage to them, if they are willing to stand so far in the rear of the present march of mind. Any man in good health if he is industrious and is worth $100, is able to take a newspaper. An intemperate man can spend 8 or 10 dollars for whiskey to *destroy* his reason, and why cannot a religious man spend 2 or 3 to *improve* his mind. If a man says that he has not time for such reading, let him take the time he employs in jokes and trivial conversation and in the course of the week he will have sufficient leisure for reading.

I attended interesting protracted meetings at Cay Fork, Friendship, Little Yadkin and other places.

At Leaksville, the 2d Lord's day in July, I attended with brethren Taylor and Robertson where there were 7 converts.

On the 3d Lord's day in the same month, I attended near Wentworth, with brethren Witherington and Barnes, where there were 12 converts.

On the 4th Lord's day, bro. Neal and myself commenced a protracted meeting at Hogan's Creek, M. H., resulting in 5 or 6 conversions.

On the 5th Lord's day I commenced another with the Beulah church. I was assisted by bro. Samuel Wait. There were 6 conversions at this meeting.

I have formed some Sabbath Schools, and I do regret that there is so much indifference to this mighty instrumentality for doing good among the rising generation.

I have received $20 45,

If the months of August and October were devoted exclusively to protracted meetings with the exception of one day each week for rest (which might be Friday or Saturday) much good might be accomplished."

The services of Elder Wm. Jones were secured early in the present year, as general agent of the Convention, since which time he has been occupied with the duties of his appointment. He has visited most of the churches and Associations in the Eastern and middle portions of our State, and has been successful in raising an amount of funds which it is hoped will meet the present liabilities of the Board. For particulars the Convention is referred to bro. Jones' own report of his labor.

In concluding this interesting and important part of our labors, the Board feel that while there is much to encourage in the home field, from the past success of our Missionaries, the great destitution which still exists, calls upon us in the most imperative manner, to increase our exertions to give to the destitute of our State the preached word. The Board would also respectfully invite the attention of the Convention to the importance of establishing Missionary stations in the towns and villages in our State where there are no Baptist churches. Without consuming time to offer the reasons, they can but be persuaded that the importance of the subject will at once commend itself to the consideration of the Convention.

Foreign Mission Department.

In reference to this branch of our labors, it is needful only to make a few simple statements. Our Foreign Missions, as conducted by the Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, are progressing as rapidly as we could reasonably expect, both in Asia and Africa, but more particularly in the latter. Bro. Yates and his wife are prosecuting their studies preparatory to teaching the heathen with encouraging success, and expect ere long to be able to preach Christ to the inhabitants of Shanghai.

The Raleigh Association, a constituent body of this Convention, still continues to manifest a noble zeal in sustaining them by their contributions. Other donations are also made to this object, besides an express agency appointed in this State, by the Foreign Board in Richmond, Va.

Education Department.

During the past year two beneficiaries under the patronage of the Convention have been studying at Wake Forest College. These young brethren are making regular progress in their studies, and one of them expects to graduate next summer. The Board are happy to state that the amount which was due last year in this department, has been paid off, and there are some funds now on hand, which may be appropriated toward increasing the number of our beneficiaries. All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board. J. J. JAMES.

Report of the Treasurer of the N. C. B. Bible Society.

BROTHER PRESIDENT:—The Treasurer of this Society most respectfully submits the following as his annual report:

1847.	To balance in hand at last meeting, - -		$148 56
1848.	" am't. received from Mt. Pisgah Bible Society for foreign distribution, - - -		15 00
			$163 56
	CR.		
1848.	By drafts sent to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, - -	$125 00	
"	" Bill paid Gregory Potts for freight, &c. on last box of Bibles, - -	2 07	
"	" Am't. sent to the Foreign Board, as per order, - - - -	15 00	142 07
			$21 49

At the last meeting, the distribution of the Bible funds was left with the Board. The Board not having had a meeting since, have given no direction to the Treasurer. However, according to the advice of some of the officers of the Society, I forwarded one hundred and twenty-five dollars as above stated. I hope it will meet the wishes of the Society.

The amount now in hand is subject to your order. Finding it inconvenient to serve another year as Treasurer, the Society will please receive this as my resignation.

Hoping the Lord will bless your efforts, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

J. J. BIGGS.

Milton Depository of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.

Amount of Books purchased for this Depository, -		$99 81
RECEIPTS.		
Rev. R. J. Devin, for sale of books, - - - -		23 50
Rev. John Robertson, do. - - - -		19 75
Collections and sale of books at the Convention in 1847,		33 00
		$76 25
PAYMENTS AND EXPENDITURES.		
Jan. 28, 1848. Amt. of check sent Rev. B. R. Loxley, in part payment for books, - -	$45 00	
Premium paid on do. 1 per cent., - - -	45	
Freight, &c. on books from Philadelphia, -	3 25	
Expenses on books sent Rev. J. Robertson. - -	50	
Porterage at different times, - - - -	75	
July 10, 1848. Cash sent Rev. B. R. Loxley, Agent,	20 00	$69 95
Balance in hand, Oct. 12, 1848, - - - -		$ 6 30

DONATIONS.

Amt. of donations given to Sabbath School at Greensboro, per order of last annual meeting, - - - - -	$10 00
Amt. given to Milton Sabbath School at different times, -	10 00
	$20 00
Probable amt. of books on hand in Milton, - - -	30 00

Of these probably about five dollars worth are damaged.

N. J. PALMER, *Depository Agent.*

Report of the Depository of the Publication and Sunday School Society at Fayetteville, N. C.

FAYETTEVILLE, OCT. 9, 1848.

BRO. D. S. WILLIAMS:—I send you such a report as I have been able to figure out.

DR.

To books received at sundry times, including those from the Convention, - - - - - - - - -		$401 05

CONTRA.

By Colporteur's bill, - - - - -	$49 61	
" do do - - - - - -	17 73	
" do do - - - - - -	37 24	
" Sundry small bills, - - - - -	10 80	
" Cash paid out, - - - - - -	189 40	
" Books on hand, - - - - -	106 00	
" Money on hand, - - - - - -	17 68	428 46
		401 05
Balance, - - - - - - - - - -		$27 41

I hope you understand from the above how the Depository stands here. I am authorized by the Board to say that they are not willing to conduct a Depository at this place any further, from the fact that it is doing nothing.

Truly Yours, J. M. BEASLEY, Sec'y.

Report of the Agent of the Convention.

I have laboured 8 months and 21 days for the Convention. I have obtained donations and subscriptions to the amount of about $1550. I have travelled more than 2800 miles, and preached about 70 sermons. I have operated mainly by visiting and making personal applications. I have been everywhere kindly received, and much gratified to find the brethren and friends disposed to promote the objects of the Convention. The good seed of the word formerly sown in this State, is springing up ; and if judiciously cultivated, will produce a bountiful harvest for the granary of the Lord.

STATEMENT OF MONEY RECEIVED.

Union Association and Council.—Sarah F. Norcott, $10 ; Henry F. Bond, 10 ; John C. Washington, 10 ; John Oliver, 10 ; Wm. P. Biddle, 10; Ann Bernard, 5; Sarah Brickell, 5 ; Deborah Mitchel, 4 ; William Smith, 4 ; Curtis C. Oates, 5 ; Byus Boykin, 4 ; Carr Hargrove, 4 ; John Joyner, 3 ; Susan P. Blow, 3; Benj. J. Parmele, 3; Germain Bernard, 3; Eliza Metts, 3; Rob't McNabb, 3; Alfred Moy, 3; W. H. Washington, 3 ; Council Wooten, 3; John A Parrott, 3 ; D. J. Middleton, 3 ; Benj. Oliver, 3 ; E. C. Gavin, 3 ; David Wells, 3; L. Highsmith, 3; J. L. Boykin, 3; Lott Rich, 3 ; Enoch Peterson, 3 ; John Boykin, 3 ; Randal McDaniel, 2 ; Caleb Smith, 2 ; Elizabeth McNabb, 2 ; Cynthia Ann Ellis, 2; Cabel Smith, 2 ; Wm. H. Faison, 2 ; M. Blount, 2 ; Joshua E. Ezzell, 2 ; Elizabeth Stevens, 2 ; Seline W. Barrett, 1 ; Mary A. Bynum, 1 ; George Joiner, 1 ; Sally A. Adams, 1 ; Charity Smith, 1 ; Margaret J. Jones, 1 ; Mary Jane Whitfield, 1 ; W. J. Moye, 1 ; W. J. D. Moye, 1 ; David S. Matthis, 3 ; John Vann, 3 ; L. S. Powell, 2 ; Kedor Vann, 1 ; Edward Spearman, 2 ; M. C. Spearman, 1 ; P. Hardie, 3 ; Ann Bond, 5 ; S. B. Carraway, 4 ; Samuel S. Biddle, 10 ; Harriet Carraway, 2 ; Collection at Greenville, 4.15 ; Isaiah W. Lane, 1 ; Mary Faison, 1 ; N. C. Faison, 1; Ann Oates, 1 ; B. Millard and wife, 1.50 ; Elizabeth Faison, 1 ; Charity Gavin, 1; H. C. Smith, 1; Lewis Carroll, 1; J. R. Goodrich 1 ; A. Hering, 1 ; E. T. Stevens, 1 ; James Vann, 1 ; Carter R. Vann, 1 ; John P. Ezzell, 1; Oliver Vann, 1; Rebecca Boykin, 1 ; Mary Jane Boykin, 1 ; Maria R. Boykin, 1 ; Thomas J. Page, 1 ; Hardy Bennett, 1 ; Lebanon Church, 12.75 ; James O. Anders, 1 ; Samuel and Ann Anders, 1.25; W. M'Kenzie, 1 ; Sarah J. Stevenson, 3; $242 50

Of the above amount, the sum of $90 38 1-3 was received and appropriated to Educational purposes ; $134 63 1-3 to Home Missions; and $22 72 1-3 to Foreign Missions.

Raleigh Association.—Wm. Hooper, 20; Wm. T. Brooks, 10; John B. White, 10; A. McDowell, for M. T. Yates, 10; W. H. Owen, 5; George W. Thompson, 5; Wm. Jones, 10,

Elizabeth R. Sanders, 5; Julia Sanders, 5; John McLeod, 4; Walter R. Moore, 5; Daniel A. Powell, 3; Ann G. Thompson, 3; Sarah W. Wait, 3; Marth Ryan—Yates, 2; Smithfield ch, 2; Jno. P. Cook, 1; Mary Ann Cook, 1. $104 00

For Education, $70; Home Missions, $21; Foreign do, $13.

Tar River Association.—Mark Bennett, $10; Sabra J. Parker, 10; Harriet Hadley, 5; Thomas J. Pitchford, 4; Thomas T. Alston, 5; Mary R. Reed, 4; James A. Cheek, 3; Hasty Williams, 3; Martha Bowers, 2; John B. Powell, 1; L. C. Wilcox, 1; W. W. Arrington, 1; Anna E. Denby, 1, $50 00

For Education $123 1-3; Home Missions, $4233 1-3; Foreign Mis-sions, $133 1-3.

Chowan Association.—Bertie Union Meeting, $25; G. C. Moore, 10; Bethelem Missionary Society, 11 48; Chowan Asso. collection, 36 45; Charles W. Skinner, 10; Anna Skinner, 5; Lewis Hale, 4; Martha Pope, 5; Mary Tillerry, 5; Ann L. Pope, 5; Anna L. Campbell, 5; Elizabeth R. Doggett, 5; David Gatling, 5; M. J. Perry, 1; Alpheus H. Powell, 1; Elizabeth Sutton, 2 50; H. L. Mitchel, 5; Jas. S. Mitchell, 5; Willis D. Reddick, 5; Job Carver, 5; Buckhorn Church, 6 14; Andrew J. Askew, 5; Burwell Baxter, 4; E. N. Reddick, 5; M. M. Wood, 5; T. D. Martin, 5; James Harrell, 5; Mary F. Bynum, 5; Mary H. Sargent, 5; John Campbell, 3; S. W. Worrell, 3; Sol. D. Bunch, 3; John L. Ferrell, 3; Richard Felton, 3; H. Perkins, 3; M. Taft, 5; C. W. Wood, 5; L. Thack, 2; Henderson Simpson, 2; Samuel Simpson, 1; Jane C. Stallings, 3; Nathaniel Stephenson, 2; Thomas P. Mayes, 2; Richard Garner, 2; J. N. Carden, 2; J. W. Barnes, 2; Jno. Vann, 2; Jesse C. Powell, 2; J. R. Powell, 2; Philo, 1; A. O. Askew, 1; Mary Askew, 1; David Askew, 1; W. M'D. Wynne, 1; A. W. Darden, 2; Cash, 2; John Bonner, 2; Mary Felton, 2; Margaret White, 2; Thomas Sutton, 2; Jason Reddick, 2; Mt. Tabor collection, 2 37 1-2; J. W. Batchelor, 1; Martha A. Batchelor, 1; Christiana Garris, 1; Wm. W. Jones, 1; School—Martha Pope's, 1 06 1-4; Mary Pope, 1; John D. L. Vaughan, 1; Mr. Sewell, 1; Turner Stephenson, 1; Cordy Whitehead, 1; William Gay, 1; Isaac Dube, 1; H. Spivy, 1; W. H. Hardee, 1; David A. Barnes, 1; A. W. Ivey, 1; L. D. Gray, 1; Antrinetta Vann, 1; Margaret A. Barnes, 1; Lydia Barnes, 1; Prudence Williams, 1; James Taylor, 1; Sarah Maget, 1; Wm. P. Jenkins, 1; Emeline F. Powell, 1; Jos. R. Holloman, 1; Samuel Maget, 1; H. C. Lassiter, 1; S. McDaniel, 1; Martha McDaniel, 1; Emma E. Hinton, 1 25; Lodowick Jinkins, 1; Howell M. Jones, 1; Jesse Dawns, 1; Nancy Thomas, 1; Enos Dilday, 1; T. H. Leary, Jr., 1; Jesse S. Matthews, 1; Mary A. Vaughan, 1; James S. Carver, 1 50; Susan Grigory, 1; E. W. Reddick, 1; Josiah R. White, 1; Margaret Evans, 1; Nancy Harrell, 1; Mary Sutton, 1;

Humphrey Alphin, 1; Wm. C. Simpson, 1; Thos. White, 1; Charity Cross, 1; Francis A. Story, 1; Silas Parker, 1; Jno. Vann, Sr., 1; James J. Rochell, 1; Wm. Dunning, 1; David Parker, 1; Wm. Darden, 1; Geo. W. Gary, 1; Wm. E. Lane, 1, Elijah B. Pope, 1; Geo. Y. King, 1; several persons, 1,50; Wm. J. Sutton, 2 50, $340 75

For Education, $168 90; Home Missions, $135,10 ; Foreign Missions, $49 21 2-3.

Flat River Association.—Flat River Association collection, $17,37 1-2; Mary Morris, 2; Wm. Duskin, 5; Drury A. Harris, 2; Joseph Howard, 5; Lucy O. Gregory, 1; Wm. Fleming, 3; Wm. Amis, Jr, 3; Bannister Royster, 3; Littleberry Chandler, 3,50; Wm. Royster, 3; John Amis, 2; Letty Pillard, 3; Jas. P. Satterwhite, 2; R. S. Barnett, 2,37 1-2; R. W. Lassiter, 1; Willis A. Royster, 2; James M. Satterwhite, 2; D. Satterwhite, 1; Thomas Hester, 1; James Hester, 1; Wm. H. Cutts, 1; J. M. Overbe, 1; J. D. Knott, 1 ; John L. Overbe, 2; S. Y. Ragsdale, 1; T. L. Shotwell, 1; M. J. Shotwell, 1; John O'Brian, 1; Several persons, 1 ; H. W. Jones, 1; Jos. C. Cozart, 1; Mary Downey, 1; Daniel T. Gouch, 1; L. R. Hamlet, 1; Mary A. Hamlet, 2; Sarah E. Chambers, 1; Jos. D. Hobgood, 1; Mary J. Duskin, 1; J. W. Strayhorn, 1; Lucy Overbe, 1; M. D. Royster, 1; Lucy Ann Royster, 1; Elizabeth C. Overbe, 1; Ann H. Overbe, 1; Wm. Stovall, 1 ; B. B. Barram, 1 ; W. Overbe, 1 ; Elizabeth Hobgood, 1; Nathan Satterwhite, 1; Thomas Davis, 1; Wm. Davis, 1; Jane Watkins, 1; T. Elam, 1; Amos Gouch, 1; Hannah H. Gouch, 1; Nancy Gouch, 1; Mary E. Wright, 1; John and Wm. King, 1,50; Harriet Frazier, 1; F. B. Currin, 1; Woodson Eakes, 1; Wm. A. Currin, 1; Sally Satterwhite, 1; E, S. Tucker, 1; Solomon Satterwhite, 1; Lucy Currin, 1; Ann Satterwhite, 1; Peterson Thorp, 1; Elijah Meadows, 1; Sally Meadows, 1; Brawdy Meadows and wife, 1; Nancy Kimbal, 1; Reny H. Hester, 1; Wm. H. Parker, 1; Mary A. Stowal, 1; $120 75

For Education, $41 79; Home Missions, $43 66; Foreign Missions, $26 29.

Beulah Assoeiatiom.—Beulah Association collection, 11,88; Frances H. Pleasant, 1; Elias Dodson, 1; Wm B. Pleasant, 1; J. H. Jones, 1; Charles Mason, 1; H. C. Stroud, 2; Sarah Stroud, 2; Henry Crutchfield, 1; Elizabeth L. Wade, 1. $22 80

For Education, $5 90; Home Missions, $12 90; For. do. $4.

Sandy Creek Association.—Wm. H. Merritt, 10; Wm. H. Merritt, for Yates, 10; Richard Dowd, 15; Franklin Freeman Yates, 5; Elizabeth Watson, 5; Samuel Dowd, 5; Alfred P. Stroud, 3; D. Adams, 3; Cane Creek Factory collection, 4 02 1-2; Elizabeth Alston, 3; Mahala H. Millikin, 3; Mahala H. Burns, 3; Benj. Watson, 3; Susanna Headen, 5; Nancy Degraffaidt, 2; John Dowd, 2; John H. Harris, 2;

Atlas Dowd, 2; Aaron Emerson, 4; James Crutchfield, 2; C. R. Hinton, 2; Nancy D. Brooks, 2; Wm. Bowen, 3; Jas. Hackney, 1; Susan W. Brooks, 1; Benj. Crutchfield, 1; Eldridge G. Brothers, 1; Emsley Elliott, 1; Mary Patterson, 1; Sally Crutchfield, 1; A. B. Marsh, 1; J. C. Dowd, 1; Horace Q. Dowd, 1; Jno. R. Marsh, 1; Wm. Glawson, 1; John Fowler, 1. $111 02

For Education, $55 50; Home Missions, $37 52 1-2; Foreign Missions, $38 00.

Pedee Association.—Pedee Asso. collection, $11 05; Cartledge's Creek, 10; H. Aza Chambers, 4; Catharine White, 5; Sarah F. Powell, 4; Thomas Dockery, 3; John Bowdon, 3; Tristram Bostick, 2; W. B. Jordan, 2; T. W. Postel, 2; L. Parker, 2; D. Kendall, 2; B. H. Carter, 2; Ephraim Reed, 2; Nelson Pennington, 2; D. H. Palmer, 2; M. S. Parker, 2; Jas. Pickler, 2; William Kimball, 2; John Monroe, 1; John P. Almon, 1; W. S. Pemberton, 1; John Callaray, 1; Kendall's church collection, 2; Wm. Parker, 1; H. Davis, 1; S. S. Stone, 1; W. W. Russell, 1; D. H. Stokes, 1; E. C. Postell, 1; Elizabeth Kimball, 1; Nancy Hearn, 1; R. Crowell, 1; Several ladies, 4 75; two ladies, 1. $63 05

For Education, $15,80; Home Missions $23,32; Foreign do. $3 68.

Liberty Association.—James Adderton, $1; Brethren Carrel and Loftin, 1; Wm. Turner, 1; Elizabeth Wiseman, 1; James Wiseman, 2; Mary C. Wiseman, 1; Sarah E. Wiseman, 1; Wm. Owen, 1. $9 00

For Education, $3; Home Missions, $6.

Yadkin Association.—Lewis C. Harris, $1; G. N. Harris, 1; C. W. Bessent, 1; Rebecca Bessent, 1; S. C. Tatum, 1; Jesse Tatum, 1; Fork church collection, 3; Benj. H. Eaton, 1; Lucy Eaton, 2; Elizabeth Eaton, 1; James Kinyon, 1; N. B. L. & S. J. Bailey, 1; Lontitia U. Dobson, 1; Cash, 2,30; Cash, 6. $24 30

For Education, $11 65; Home Missions, $11 65.

Whole am't. received—for Education, $519 76 1-2; Home Missions, $461 23 1-2; Foreign Missions, $158 08, - - $4439 07

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM JONES, *Agent.*

Report of the Committee on Finance.

Your committee would respectfully state, that they have entered below the amount of funds received by them for the Convention:

Associations.	Ed.	H. M.	F. M.	Total.
Liberty,		10 05		10 05
Brier Creek,		6 50	5 00	11 50
Union,	3 25	2 25		
" for M. T. Yates' support,			32 07	96 82
" Bible and Tract distribution by M. T. Yates,			59 25	
Beulah,		1 50		150 00
Yadkin,		180 70		180 70
Churches, &c.				
Island Ford,			4 25	4 25
Western Convention,	1 62		29 22	30 84
Public collection on Sabbath,	9 99	10 00	9 99	29 98
" " colored friends, Sabbath,	72	72	72	2 16
William Johnson,			1 00	1 00
	15 58	360 22	141 50	517 31

Oct. 1848. N. A. PURIFY, Ch'm.

Treasurer's Report, 1848.

James S. Purify, Treasurer, in account with the N. C. B. S. Conv'n.

DEBITS.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Rec'd. of Cashie ch. by J. Tayloe,	14 22		14 22	28 44
" Ross ch. " "	3 28		3 28	6 56
" Grassy Creek ch. by R. I. Devin, - - - - -	16 40			16 40
Rec'd of Mrs. C. Whitfield,	1 50	1 50		3 00
" Sandy Creek Asso.		10 00		10 00
" Rev. Wm. Jones, agent,	461 23	158 09	519 76	1139 09
" Finance Committee,	360 22	141 51	15 58	517 32
" Haynes Lenon,			2 00	2 00
" Raleigh church,	9 00		9 00	18 00
" Yates com. of Raleigh As.		569 87		569 87
" Rev. Jno. Robertson, rep.	51 50			51 50
	917 36	880 97	563 85	2362 17
CREDITS.				
Paid J. B. White, Treas. of W. F. Col. for tuition of Yates, Finch, Jackson, O'Bryan, & Alderman, in full, 1846 & 7,			225 00	225 00
Paid J. B. White, Treas. of W. F. Col. for tuition of S. G. O'Bryan, in full for 1848,			51 00	51 00
Paid J. B. White for board of J. C. Averet in full for 1848,			72 00	72 00
Paid Wm. Hooper for board of S. G. O'Bryan in full for 1848,			20 00	20 00
Paid J. J. Finch for Secretary's services, 1847,	8 00	9 00	8 00	25 00
Paid S. Wait in full for board of J. C. Averet, 1847,			38 93	38 93
Paid S. Wait, Missionary to Louisburg, 1847,	50 00			50 00
" Mark May, Missionary, in full, 1847,	73 23			73 23
" R. J. Devin, " " 1847,	119 59			119 59
" T. Meredith for printing Minutes, 1847,	28 00	28 00	28 00	84 00
" J. Robertson, Missionary, in part, 1848,	152 00			152 00
" Mark May, Missionary, in full, 1848,	250 00			250 00
" Dan'l. G. Taylor, " " 1848,	14 00			14 00

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
" Mark Bennet, " " 1848,	10 00			10 00
" Wm. Jones, agent in full, 1848,	127 08	100 00	120 92	348 00
" E. Dodson, Miss. " "	150 00			150 00
" A. Thomas, Treas. F. M. B'd. Richmond,		743 96		743 96
	981 90	880 96	563 85	2426 71

Debts of the Convention.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Due J. S. Purify, Treas. overpaid by him,	64 54			64 54
" N. J. Palmer, Sec'y. 1848,	8 50	8 00	8 50	25 00
" A. Freeman, cash borw'd. '47,	400 00		150 00	550 00
" J. Robertson, H. Mis. 1848,	23 00		-	23 00
	496 04	8 00	158 50	662 54

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above account, and find it correct.

WILLIAM T. BROOKS, *Auditor.*

Constitution of the Baptist State Convention.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.*

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of Missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of the contributors.

ART. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals, and delegates from such institutions, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who, with twenty others shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, to preside in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Secretaries shall be required to discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board, shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the Minutes. The duty of the Auditor will be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

ART. 8. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such time and place, as it shall, from time to time designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the different objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 9. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, Churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 10. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, at such time and place as it shall direct.

ART. 11. The Convention shall require of its Board, a full report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

ART. 12. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Constitution of the N. C. Baptist Bible Society.

Article 1. This Institution shall be denominated the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be, to promote a wider circulation of the Scriptures in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

Art. 3. The members of this Institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

Art. 4. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, to whom shall be added a Board of Managers—all of whom shall be elected annually.

Art. 5. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum, to transact all business demanding attention, during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

Art. 7. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same place and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

Art. 8. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment, by a vote of two-thirds, whenever expediency shall dictate.

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Rev. James McDaniel, of Wilmington.

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N. B. All gifts or Bequests to the Convention must be made to the Trustees, the donor or devisor stating the objects to which they may wish it applied.

PROCEEDINGS.

OXFORD, N. C., October 18, 1849.

The members of the Convention assembled in the Baptist Church at 2 o'clock, P. M., and having been called to order, Elder D. S. Williams, 1st Vice President, in the absence of the Hon. Alfred Dockery, the President of the last Convention, took the chair, and after reading the 104th Psalm, singing and prayer, by Elder James McDaniel, of Wilmington, the Convention proceeded to business.

Delegates appeared from the following Associations, Churches, and other religious bodies.

Beulah Association—Nathaniel J. Palmer, William Ward, Robert B. Jones, Elder J. J. James, Dr. William A. Shaw, Archibald McDowell, John H. Lacy, Elder S. Pleasant, Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter, Bedford Brown, Thomas Yarbrough, and John W. Hart.

Brier Creek Association—Elder S. P. Smith.

Chowan Association—Dr. G. C. Moore, and Dr. S. G. Wheeler.

Cape Fear Association—

Flat River Association—J. P. Montague and L. B. Stone.

Union Association—Elder J. McDaniel.

Pee Dee Association—Gen. A. Dockery, *absent.*

Raleigh Association—Elders J. B. White, Thomas Meredith, David S. Williams, A. Willams, Elder J. J. Finch, J. S. Purify, L. C. Hinton, Brethren Wm. M. Crenshaw, J. D. Davis, George W. Thompson, Peyton A. Dunn, William R. Trawick, B. F. Biddle, and William Hooper, D. D.

Liberty Association—Elder Wm. Turner, *absent.*

Sandy Creek Association—Moses Baldwin.

Yadkin Association—William B. Fort, J. H. Fort, and A. Roby.

Tar River Association—Elder Thomas Wilcox, Jeremiah Solomon, Nathan Green, and Wm. Crudup.

FROM CHURCHES.

Hester's—James H. Hobgood.

Raleigh—P. F. Pescud, M. B. Royster, Elders T. Meredith and J. J. Finch.

Sandy Cross—Elder Q. H. Trotman.

Edenton—Elders Aaron Jones, Thomas Waff.

Sawyer's Creek—Willis S. Grandy.

Cashie—William Falk, J. R. Rainer.

Elizabeth City—C. R. Hendrickson, Edward W Burges.

Rocky Hock—John B. Webb.

Capehart's—Thomas Waff.
Milton—Elder J. J. James.
Mar's Hill—A. D. Blackwood, H. C. Strowd, James M. Ward.
Holly Grove—A. J. Askew.
Newbern—J. M. C. Breaker.
Fork Church—C. W. Bessent.
Cedar Falls—Moses Baldwin.
Eaton's Church—Thomas Prichard, Jackson Blackwood.
Rockford—Samuel C. Tatum.
Louisburg—Guilford Lewis.
Olive Branch—J. F. Neal.
Flat River Union—David Olmstead.
Island Ford—A. Roby.

FROM RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Missionary Society of the Ahoskey Church—A. J. Askew, William W. Mitchell.

Bethlehem Missionary Society—A. J. Askew.

BY INDIVIDUALS.

Contribution of Mrs. Elizabeth Washington—Elder R. J. Devin
Do. of William Blount—Elder William Jones.
" of Mrs. Sarah Norcott—Elder William H. Jordan

On motion, P. F. Pescud, E. M. Burges, and William W. Mitchell, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, a committee was appointed to arrange the Religious exercises during the Session of the Convention: Committee consists of R. J. Devin, Hamilton Hester, N. J. Palmer, James B. Hobgood, and Williamson Parham.

On motion, Elder T. Meredith, Elder James McDaniel and A. J. Askew, were appointed to nominate officers of the Convention, other than the President, and report to-morrow morning.

On motion, a committee was appointed, to arrange the order of business of the Convention: committee consists of D. S. Williams, N. J. Palmer, J. B. White, C. R. Hendrickson, and L. B. Stone.

On motion of N. J. Palmer,

Resolved, That the President of the Convention appoint committees of five on each of the following subjects, to-wit: Education, Foreign Missions, and Domestic Missions.

On motion of Professor J. B. White,

Resolved, That on the introduction of any subject, not clearly within the constitutional objects of the Convention, the President shall declare the same inadmissible, which decision shall be final, unless overruled by a majority of the Convention.

On motion of the same,

Resolved, That the hours of meeting of the Convention until otherwise ordered, shall be at 10 o'clock, A. M., a recess to be taken at half past 12, until 3, P. M.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder T. Meredith.

At night the opening sermon of the Convention, in the absence of Prof. Wm. T. Brooks appointed for that purpose, was delivered in the Baptist Church by Elder C. R. Hendrickson of Elizabeth City, from Matthew 3d chapter, part of the 11th vs. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 18th.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after the reading of the 19th Psalm by the President, and prayer by President White of Wake Forest College.

The roll of members was then called by the Clerk, and the names of those arrived since the last evening enrolled.

The proceedings of yesterday were read, and the necessary corrections made.

Correspondents from State Conventions and Associations were asked to present themselves; when Elder S. A. Creath was received as a correspondent from the General Association of Virginia.

Ministering brethren were also invited to take seats with the Convention.

The Vice President appointed the following members to compose the committees directed to be appointed on yesterday.

On Education—Messrs. Hendrickson, White, Askew, Lacy, and Lewis.

Foreign Missions—Messrs. Meredith, James, McDaniel, Finch, and Stone.

Home Missions—Messrs. Shaw, Trotman, McDaniel, Jones, and Montague.

The report of the committee appointed to arrange the business of the Convention, was presented and adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of their President, when in counting the ballots it appeared that Elder James McDaniel of Wilmington, having received a majority of all the votes, was elected; who was then conducted to the chair by President White and Elder D. S. Williams, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the Convention.

Elder Meredith from the committee appointed to nominate the remaining officers recommended,

Elder D. S. Williams, 1st Vice President.
Hon. Calvin Graves, 2d do.
Dr. G. C. Moore, 3d do.
Dr. Wm. A. Shaw of Milton, Corresponding Secretary.
N. J. Palmer, Esq., of Milton, Recording Secretary.
Elder James S. Purify of Forestville, Treasurer.
Prof. W. T. Brooks of Wake Forest College, Auditor.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the Convention, and the officers recommended were appointed.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Elder Thomas Meredith, the amendment of the Constitution in order to Life Members and Life Directors, offered at the last Convention, was referred to the same Committee, with the addition of President J. R. White and Elder R. I. Devin.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Convention was presented and read by N. J. Palmer, Recording Secretary.

On motion of President White, the report was recommitted to the Board and directed to be taken up to-morrow morning.

The Convention agreed to give place for a meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society this evening at 3 o'clock, and adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. J. Finch.

At night the Rev. Thomas J. Bowen, appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, Missionary to Central Africa, preached in the Baptist Church.

SATURDAY, October 20.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after reading the 72d Psalm by the President, singing and prayer by Elder Q. H. Trotman.

The roll of members was called, and additional names enrolled. The proceedings of yesterday were read, and the proper corrections made.

Elder James B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, Elder A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, were announced by the President, and received as Correspondents from those Boards, as also from the General Association of Virginia.

Elder T. J. Bowen, recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Missionary to Central Africa, was also announced, and invited to take a seat in the Convention.

The report of the Board of Managers as reported back by the Board, with a slight amendment, was taken up as the order of the morning. Prof. White moved to strike out that portion of the same, which related to the establishment of a Female College, which motion produced some discussion. The report, as it stood, being advocated by Messrs. Palmer, James, McDowell and Purify, and opposed by Messrs. White, Meredith, Finch and Trotman, the motion was lost, and the report accepted, and ordered to be published with the minutes.

The following Resolution was offered by Elder Q. H. Trotman:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Convention be held with the Baptist Church in the Town of Louisburg, Franklin County, N. C., which, on motion, wasfor the present, laid on the table.

A letter was received and read from the Mill Creek Church, in Person County, recommending Robert B. Jones, a licentiate of that Church, as a Beneficiary of the Convention, in the Education Department, which was referred to the Board.

A letter was also received and read from the Clerk of the Tar River Association, requesting the Convention to send them a missionary, which on motion, was referred to the Board.

Reports from correspondents to neighboring Conventions and Associations, and also of the Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, was called for and made so far as they attended.

The Convention then proceeded to appoint correspondents to neighboring State Conventions and Associations, as follows:

To the General Association of Virginia, to meet at Hampton, Va. on the Friday before the 1st Sabbath in June next—Elders, Trotman, Hendrickson, Aaron Jones, Waff, William Jones, G. M. Thompson, J. S. Purify, Fory, Brethen Dr. G. C. Moore, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, John H. Lacy and P. F. Pescud.

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, to meet at Edgefield C. H., Friday before 2nd Sabbath in December—Elders Meredith, Blackwood, Finch, McDaniel, J. S. Purify, N. A. Purify, Brantly, J. Monroe, H. Lennon and N. J. Palmer.

To the North Carolina Western Baptist Convention, to meet on Friday after the 4th Sabbath in August next—Elders J. J. James, S. P. Smith, William Jones, N. A. Purify, Thomas Meredith, L. C. Hinton, George W. Purify, Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, J. M. C. Breaker, William T. Walters, Hon. Calvin Graves, N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, and Thomas Miller.

On motion a committee of three were appointed to nominate a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, to be located in Milton, N. C., who reported the following:

Gen. B. Graves,	Joseph J. Yarbrough,
Gen. Wm. Lea,	La Fayette Bennett,
Samuel Wait, D. D.,	Sidney S. Lea,
John Kerr, Esq.,	Prof. J. B. White,
Elder J. J. James,	Thomas Meredith,
Rev. A. McDowell,	Rev. L. C. Hinton,
John H. Lacy,	Dr. Wm. M Crenshaw,
Thomas S. Yarbrough,	George W. Thompson, Esq.,
A. G. Stevens,	Peyton A. Dunn, Esq.,
Augustin Timberlake,	Isaac Winston, Esq.

The report was *unanimously* concurred in by the Convention.

On motion, the Convention agreed to hold a session to-night, at

early candle light, to hear and consider the report of the committee on Education.

The order of the Convention heretofore made to adjourn at half past 12 o'clock, M., was rescinded.

The resolution offered by Elder Trotman, fixing the place of meeting of the next Convention at Louisburg, was taken up. The President of the Convention then gave an invitation in behalf of the Baptist church at Wilmington, to hold their next session at that place. After a few remarks by Messrs. Palmer and Lewis, the Resolution of Elder Trotman, was adopted—so the Convention agreed to hold their next annual meeting at Louisburg, N. C., commencing at the same time as heretofore.

On motion, Professor J. B. White was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, and Professor Wm. T. Brooks his alternate: Elder James McDaniel to preach the Missionary sermon, and Elder L. C. Hinton his alternate.

Elders Wm. H. Jordan and Wm. Hooper, LL. D., appeared and took their seats in the convention.

The Convention having agreed to give way this afternoon, to the Anniversary meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, adjourned to meet at early candle light. Prayer by Elder A. D. Blackwood.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after prayer by Elder J. J. James.

Brethren Thomas S. Yarbrough and John W. Hunt from the Beulah Association appeared and took their seats.

The report of the committee on Education was called for, presented, and read, by Elder C. H. Hendrickson. Its acceptance was moved by Dr. Shaw, of Milton, Elders A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia, Wm. H. Jordan, of Warrenton, J. R. Taylor, of Richmond, C. H. Hendrickson, and Prof. White, of Wake Forest College, addressed the Convention in sustaining the report, particularly that portion in relation to the importance of educating pious young men for the ministry. At the request of the Convention, Elder Taylor led in prayer, that God would raise up an increased number of his faithful ministers. The question was then taken on the adoption of the report, and it was *unanimously* carried in the affirmative.

The following Resolution was offered by Elder A. D. Blackwood:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches in this State, to observe the Saturday before the second Sabbath in December next, as a day of fasting and prayer for an increase of ministers in this State, and that the ministers urge this upon the minds of their breth-

ren, and also that the prayers of our ministers and people to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest, should be more prominently brought before our churches, in the sanctuary, and at the family altar.

Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the Biblical Recorder and Baptist Messenger.

The Convention agreed to hold a prayer meeting in the Baptist Church to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, in especial reference to Home Missions. It was also agreed that on Sunday night the services be devoted to the cause of Foreign missions, and that Elders Bowen and Taylor lead in the same.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock. Christian Doxology and Benediction by the President.

SUNDAY, October 20, 1849.

In the morning at nine o'clock, a Conventional prayer meeting was held in the Baptist Church. After reading a portion of the word of God, singing and prayer, Elder Wm. Jones, the General Agent of the Convention, being called upon, gave a cheering account of the work of God in the different Baptist Churches in this State, stating that the revivals of religion had been very extensive, and almost exclusively in the Baptist Churches and Congregations.

At 11 o'clock, the Annual Missionary sermon was delivered, by Elder J. J. James, agreeably to the appointment of the last Convention, from the 1st Epistle of John, 5th chapter, 8th verse.

At the same hour, Elder A. M. Poindexter preached in the Presbyterian church, from 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter, 21st verse.

In the afternoon, Elder James McDaniel, President of the Convention, preached in the Baptist church, from the 90th psalm, 14th verse.

Owing to the inclemency of the day, raining almost incessantly, the congregations were not as large as usual on such occasions. A deep seriousness and solemn attention was evidently manifested, while they listened to the word of life.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The President of the Convention having taken the chair, the services were opened, by reading portions of the 11th and 12th chapters of the Prophecy of the prophet Isaiah, and prayer by Elder Meredith.

After a few appropriate remarks by the President, he introduced to the congregation the Rev. T. J. Bowen, recently appointed one of the missionaries of the Southern Foreign Mission Board to Central Africa, who addressed the assembly for some time, in relation to his christian experience, and the operations or workings of his own mind, in reference to the Foreign mission field, and the con-

elusion resulting in the determination to enter it at all hazards, and to go among a people to whom the Gospel of Christ never had been sent. He also gave a description of the field of labor into which he was about to embark. His appearance and earnestness of manner enlisted a strong feeling of sympathy in his behalf, and deep interest in the success of his mission. The audience was also addressed by Elders Hendrickson, Poindexter, James, Taylor, and N. J. Palmer, Esq.. On a proposition being made by the latter, twenty individuals united with him in subscriptions of five dollars each, towards the support of the mission, making up the sum of one hundred dollars. About fifty dollars more were contributed by the congregation for the same object.

During the exercises, special prayer was offered in behalf of this and the other missions under the direction of the Board, by Elders, Bowen, Taylor and James. The meeting throughout was one of intense interest. At the conclusion the benediction was pronounced by Elder Wm. H. Jordan, the congregation united in singing the missionary's farewell, during which the members of the Convention and others present passed by Elder Bowen, who was standing on the platform in front of the pulpit, giving him the parting hand.

The following are those who united in the subscription of five dollars each, towards the Central mission to Africa: N. J. Palmer, James S. Purify, Mrs. Mary Williams, James B. Taylor, J. J. James, Mrs. Esther Bell, Dr. A. J. Askew, John H. Lacy, M. B. Royster, W. S. Grandy, S. A. Creath, Aaron Jones, Miss C. Stevenson, Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. E. Washington, S.C. Tatum, A. D. Blackwood, Thomas S. Yarbrough, Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw, and Wm. Falk.

Other contributions of a like or larger amount were made, but the names of the donors were not given to the Secretary.

MONDAY MORNING, October 22.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after reading the 103rd Psalm, singing and prayer, by Elder Wm. Hooper, D. D.

The roll of members was called and the proceedings of Saturday were read by the Secretary.

Elder J. M. C. Breaker from the Newbern Church, William Crudup, from the Tar River, appeared and took their seats.

Elder Thomas Meredith, from the Committee on Foreign missions, made a report which was read. Its acceptance was moved by Elder J. J. James, and Elder J. B. Taylor addressed the Convention in support of the report. Dr. Shaw made a statement to the Convention, in relation to the Island of Honduras, and the Baptist missionary operations there. The report was then *unanmously* adopted.

The committee on the subject of the amendment of the constitution in relation to life memberships, having failed to prepare any report, were, at the request of the chairman, discharged from the further consideration of the report, and the same referred to the Convention. Brother N. J. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment as proposed by Elder Wm. Jones, at the last convention, as follows: "Any regular member of the Baptist church by contributing at one time the amount of thirty dollars, to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he continues a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, or in instalments, may become a life member of the Board of Managers."

The question being taken, the amendment was adopted by a majority of more than two-thirds of the Convention.

Elder William Jones, General Agent of the convention, made his annual report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be published with the minutes.

Elder Jones having stated in his report that he was detained at or near home about two months by sickness in his family, and it having been represented to the convention that during that time he was operating in his agency as opportunity offered, in the vicinity of his residence, On motion of Elder Meredith, he was allowed the full amount of his year's salary.

Brother P. F. Pescud, from the committee of Finance, made their report, which, after some corrections, was accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Elders. J. J. James, J. S. Purify, and brother N. J. Palmer were appointed to confer with Elder Wm. Jones, in relation to the continuance of his agency. The committee subsequently made a report recommending the continuance of Elder Jones as general agent for the ensuing year, upon the same terms as heretofore, which report, on motion of brother Lacy, was unanimously adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Recording Secretary have two thousand copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed.

On motion of Elder Meredith, the Recording Secretary, brother N. J. Palmer, was allowed fifty dollars for his services, as Secretary of the Convention, and also as Secretary of the Board of Managers at Milton the past year.

On motion, Elder A. M. Poindexter of Virginia, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society was *unanimously* invited to address the convention at three o'clock this afternoon, in relation to the operations and objects of that Society.

The Convention then gave way for a meeting of the Board of Managers, and adjourned until three o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder J. M. C. Breaker.

N. B. Rev. Dr. Hooper preached in the Presbyterian church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder Q. H. Trotman in the Baptist church at night.

MONDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock.

The convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder Thomas Wilcox.

Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, from the committee on Home Missions, made a report which was read, and on motion, accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Elder A. M. Poindexter, agreeably to the invitation of the convention given in the morning, appeared before them and addressed them as well as a crowded audience, at considerable length, and in an animated, eloquent and forcible manner, at the conclusion of his address. On motion of Elder J. J. James, a committee was appointed to wait on the members and congregation and receive subscriptions and contributions in aid of the funds of the Southern Baptist Publication Society. An amount of nearly two hundred dollars was realized in cash or subscriptions.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by brother N. J. Palmer, and unanimously adopted :

The Convention having heard with pleasure and great satisfaction the address of Rev. A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and impressed with the importance of supplying our denomination in the South, and others with our own books and publications : Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention do hereby heartily commend the objects of that Society to the zealous and united support of our brethren and friends throughout the State of North Carolina.

The Convention having gone through with all of its business, the following resolutions were offered by brother N. J. Palmer, accompanied with some remarks, commendatory of the citizens of Oxford for the kind and repeated invitations to the Convention to hold a session among them, and for their very ample and hospitable entertainment of its members whilst with them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens of Oxford, and its vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality extended to the members during their session here. Also, for the kind and flattering invitations heretofore given by our friends here of the different denominations to hold our annual meetings among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention is also tendered to our Presbyserian and Methodist brethren, for the tender and use of their houses of worship during the meeting.

On motion, the Convention then agreed to adjourn, *sine die.*

The President then rose and delivered a short but feeling and

appropriate adddress to the members, congratulating them on the great harmony which characterized the session, and the close of their deliberations. At his request, Elder Wm. H. Jordan offered the closing prayer. A parting Hymn was then sung, and the convention dismissed by the benediction of the President.

The next session of the convention will be held with the church in Louisburg, Franklin County, N. C., commencing on the Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1850.

JAMES McDANIEL, President.

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

OXFORD, October 22, 1849.

The newly appointed Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, met in the Baptist Church immediately after the adjournment of the Convention in the forenoon. Present, Elder James McDaniel, President, N. J. Palmer, Secretary, Elders T. Meredith, J. J. James, James S. Purify, J. B. White, Wm. A. Shaw, Langdon C. Hinton, A. McDowell, and brethren John H. Lacy, George W. Thompson, Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw and Thos. S. Yarbrough.

The members of the Convention present and ministering brethren in attendance, were invited to take seats with the Board, and aid them in their deliberations.

The letter referred to the Board by the Convention, from the Mill Creek church, Person County, in relation to brother Robert B. Jones, a licentiate of that church, becoming a Beneficiary of the Convention, and from the Cedar Falls church in Randolph County, in relation to brother Moses Baldwin, a licentiate of that church also desiring to become a beneficiary, were taken up for consultation.

Brother Jones was first examined as to his Christian experience, and call to the ministry, and the doctrines of the Baptist Church, all of which was satisfactory. Satisfactory testimonials were also given as to his moral and Christian character. On motion, he was *unanimously* received as a beneficiary for six months.

Brother Baldwin was likewise examined, and satisfactory testimonials also given, as to his character, when, on motion, he was *unanimously* received as a beneficiary of the Convention for six months.

It is understood that these appointments continue longer, if the means of the Convention, and the course of conduct of the beneficiaries justify it.

The Board adjourned until half past six o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Wm. Jones.

MONDAY EVENING, 6 o'clock.

The Board met according to adjournment. Present: Elder Jas. McDaniel, President, N. J. Palmer, Secretary, George W. Thompson, J. B. White, J. B. Jones, Thomas S. Yarbrough, Thomas Meredith, A. McDowell, James S. Purify, Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw, J. J. James, and Dr. Wm. A. Shaw.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder Jas. S. Purify, of Forestville.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the amounts due at Wake Forest College, for the board and tuition of beneficiaries, out of the Education fund in his hands.

The communication from Elder John Robertson, one of the missionaries of the Convention, being read, on motion the settlement of his salary and his re-appointment, was referred to the next meeting of the Board at Milton.

The report of Elder S. G. O'Bryan, missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, Lexington and Statesville, was read, and on motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay Elder S. G. O'Bryan the sum of $42 88 cts., the balance due him as per his report.

On motion, ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow five hundred dollars, or a sufficient amount to pay all dues from the Convention to the Missionaries and others.

On motion it was ordered, that the Treasurer pay to Elder A. D. Blackwood, Missionary to the Flat River Association, seventy five dollars, the amount due him as per his report.

It is also ordered, that the Treasurer pay to Elder S. P. Smith, Missionary to the Brier Creek Association, seventy five dollars, the balance due him as per his report.

On motion it is ordered, that the Board appropriate fifty dollars towards the support of brother James C. Jackson, a licentiate of Hester's church in Granville County, now at Wake Forest College for the ensuing year.

On motion, Elder Richard Jacks was appointed a Missionary to the Liberty Association for six months, they agreeing to pay one half of his salary.

On motion, Elder Jos. G. Barkley is appointed a missionary of the Convention to the Counties of Tyrrell and Washington, for 12 months—the Convention agreeing to pay one hundred and fifty dollars towards his salary.

Brother Wm. T. Walters, of Virginia, was appointed a missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Charlotte, Mocksville and Statesville, for 12 months, with a salary of $25 per month.

Elder S. P. Smith was appointed a missionary to labor within the bounds of the Brier Creek and Jefferson Associations, for six months, commencing in the ensuing spring, at the rates of $25 per month—the Board agreeing to provide for one half of his salary.

At the request of the Beulah Association, Elder Elias Dodson

was re-appointed their missionary for 12 months, they agreeing to provide for his support. Elder Dodson is requested to preach statedly in the town of Greensborough, N. C.

On motion, Elder D. S. Williams was appointed a Missionary of the Convention, for the Counties of Wayne and Johnston, for the ensuing year, relying upon the field of labor for his support.

The account of the Secretary for postage, blank book and other contingent expenses amounting to $4 25 was directed to be paid by the Treasurer.

The balance of the business before the Board was referred to its next meeting at Milton.

The Board then adjourued. Prayer by Dr. W. A. Shaw.

JAMES McDANIEL, President.

N. J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

MILON, N. C., October 27, 1849.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention met at the office of N. J. Palmer, at 3 o'clock, P. M., present, Gen. B. Graves, J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, A. McDowell, John H. Lacy, Thos. S. Yarbrough and Albert G. Stevens.

Brother Graves, chairman of the last Board, took the chair, and at his request, the proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder James.

The Secretary called the list of the Board and read the proceedings of the two meetings held in Oxford.

On motion, brother B. Graves was unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Board.

The letter of Elder John Robertson, in relation to the balance due him for his services as Missionary for the past year, and his application to be appointed Missionary for the Counties of Rockingham, Guilford and Forsyth, was taken up, and on motion, the Secretary was directed to correspond with him, in relation to his claim, and submit his answer to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion, Elder Robertson was appointed a missionary for the Counties of Rockingham, Guilford and Forsyth, for 12 months, to rely upon his field of labor for two-thirds of his salary.

Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed a missionary for three months, to the town of Hillsboro' and its vicinity.

On motion, Elder J. B. Solomon was appointed a missionary of the Convention to labor within the bounds of the Yadkin Association for twelve months, and to preach statedly in the town of Rockford, the said Association to provide for two-thirds of his salary.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Tar River Association, requesting the Convention to send them a Missionary. The Secretary was directed to write them an answer, stating, that owing to

the low state of our Treasury at this time, the Board regret they cannot comply with their request, unless they provide for a good portion of his support.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Moderator of the Union Association, requesting that on the appointment of their Missionaries, they place them on the same footing as the Missionary of the Beulah Association, thereby entitling them to representation in the Convention in the amount paid them, and enabling the report of the Board to show the amount of missionary labor performed by the Baptist denomination in this State.

A letter from a Committee of the Raleigh Church was presented and read, requesting the Board to aid them in the employment of pastor for that Church. The Secretary was directed to write them, stating that, while the Board have every disposition to comply with their request, the present state of the finances of the Convention will not admit of it.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention was directed to issue a circular to the ministers, Churches, and friends, of the Convention throughout the State, urging them to raise funds as early as practicable, and forward them to the Treasurer, so as to meet all of the present engagements of the Board, and to enable them to supply the present urgent demand for missionary labor.

On motion, and at the suggestion of the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary of the Board was requested to act as assistant Treasurer, so far as to receive funds, and transmit them to the Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion the Board then adjourned, to meet again in Milton, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November. Prayer by brother A. McDowell.

B. GRAVES, Chairman.

N. J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

N. B. The Board held Quarterly meetings in Milton, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November, February, May, and August, and intermediate meetings when necessary. Reports and communications should be made in due time to the Recording Secretary, so as to be laid before the Board at their regular meetings. Letters for advice or instruction, should be addressed to Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, Corresponding Secretary, Milton, N. C.

All funds sent to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer will be duly acknowledged.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES OF THE CONVENTION, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

Elder	Samuel Wait,	Forestville,	N. C.
"	Joseph G. Barkley,	Tyrrell C. H., or Beaufort,	"
"	D. S. Williams,	Bunn's Level, Cumberland,	"
"	A. D. Blackwood,	Hillsborough,	"
"	Elias Dodson,	Yanceyville,	"
"	William T. Walters,	Salisbury,	"
"	John Robertson,	Madison,	"
"	S. P. Smith,	Williamsborough,	"
"	J. B. Solomon,	Rockford,	"
"	Richard Jacks,	Lexington,	"
"	Wade Hill,	Shelby,	"

APPENDIX:

RFPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

MILTON, N. C., October 17, 1849.

The twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, to the meeting at Oxford, October 18, 1849.

With unfeigned gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for preserving our lives, and surrounding us with so many of his blessings and favors, thus manifesting his approbation of our labors in the cause of Christ; the Board of Managers of the Convention present this, their Annual report.

Immediately after their appointment, the Board held a meeting at Rockford, when Elder Mark May was, at their request, re-appointed a Missionary for the Yadkin Association, they agreeing to provide for one half of his support. Elder J. J. James was appointed Missionary to Greensborough—Elder John Robertson a Missionary to labor in the Counties of Rockingham, Stokes, Guilford, and Surry—Elder Richard Jacks to the Liberty Association, for 6 months, they agreeing to provide for his support—Elder Elias Dodson, at the request of the Beulah Association, their Missionary for 12 months; they agreeing to provide for his support—Elder N. A. Purify, a Missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, Statesville and Lexington, for 12 months—And Elder Samuel P. Smith Missionary in the bounds of the Brier Creek Association, for six months, with the condition that they furnish half his support.

Elders Jacks, Dodson, May and Smith accepted their appointments, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Elder Purify visited the places to which he was appointed, but before he was ready to enter upon the duties assigned him, he received a call to the charge of the church at Fayetteville, which he accepted, and sent in his resignation to the Board. Elder James did not commence the duties of his appointment before the Board changed it to Hillsboro', and requested Elder Dodson to supply the station at Greensborough. Elder Robertson having received an appointment from the General Association of Virginia, to travel in the Western part of that State, accepted the same, and declined the appointment of the Board. And upon his recommendation, Elder

Daniel G Taylor was appointed in his place. He accepted the appointment, and went immediately to the field of labor, but as he afterwards informed the Board, that his business at home requiring his attention, he soon left. In the mean time, Elder Robertson becoming dissatisfied with his removal to the State of Virginia, resigned his appointment there, and was appointed by the Board, a Missionary to the Yadkin Association, in place of Mark May, dismissed. Elder Robertson entered upon the duties of his new appointment, and after laboring a short time within the bounds of that Association, he informed the Board that Elder Taylor had been compelled to leave his field of labor, and, at his request, he was restored to his first appointment, in which, with the exception of a short absence to Tennessee, on a visit to his friends, he has labored with his accustomed success.

At the first meeting of the Board held in Milton, the place of their location, on the 24th of November last, in addition to the changes noticed above, Elder Samuel Wait was re-appointed missionary to the town of Louisburg, with a salary of one hundred dollars, the church at that place to pay one half the amount, which appointment was immediately accepted. A communication was received at the same time, from Elder Wm. Turner, Moderator of Liberty Association, asking the assistance of the Board, in the payment of their Missionary, Elder Richard Jacks. Upon consideration, the Board declined the request, inasmuch as the appointment of Elder Jacks on the terms originally proposed had been sanctioned by the Convention, the Board did not think they had the power to alter them, and therefore agreed to refer the matter to the Convention. A letter has since been received, stating that the whole amount has been made up by the Association.

At the same meeting, the Board recommended all the Churches within the bounds of the Convention, to observe the monthly concert of prayer for the spread of the Gospel, and to receive at the same time such contributions as their members and others present might be disposed to make, in aid of the cause of Missions. How far this important recommendation has been observed, the Board have not the means at present of knowing. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board was at the same time requested to keep up a friendly and fraternal correspondence with the Missionaries of the Convention.

At the next quarterly meeting of the Board, held on 23d of Feb. last, having received satisfactory information, that Elder Mark May, a missionary for the Yadkin Association, had been excluded from the membership of the Church to which he belonged for unchristian conduct, he was dismissed from the service of the Board, to take effect from the time of his exclusion by his Church, and an order was subsequently made to pay him his salary, as per agreement, up to that time.

At this meeting, Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed a Missionary of the Board, until the meeting of the Convention, to labor in the bounds of the Flat River Association, and to preach regularly once a month, or oftener, at Hillsboro,' until such time as Elder James, previously transferred to that station, should so far recover his health as to be able to attend them. Elder Blackwood immediately entered upon the duties of his appointment, and his labors, as his report will show, have been abundantly blessed. At the same time the Corresponding Secretary was requested to issue a circular to the Agent and Missionaries of the Convention, requesting them to make quarterly reports, to the Board, of their operations, with proper suggestions in relation to their fields of labor.—The Board with pleasure add, that this request has been generally complied with and their reports now on file, are highly satisfactory, and while the limits of this report will not admit of embodying them here, the members of the Convention can have access to them, and if desired, they will be read publicly. They show that the labors and efforts of the Missionaries have received the divine blessings in a very eminent degree, and afford abundant cause to cheer and animate the friends of Home Missions, to renewed zeal in the good work.

The next meeting of the Board was held on the 12th of May, when Elder S. G. O'Bryan was appointed a Missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, Lexington and Statesville, in place of Eld. N. A. Purify, resigned. He entered upon his field of labor in the latter part of June, and his reports give quite a flattering account of the success of the Baptist cause, in that region of the State, particularly in Salisbury, where there is every prospect of establishing a flourishing Baptist Church. And Elder O'Bryan informs the Board, that the members and friends of our Church there, are willing to raise $100, towards the support of a missionary the ensuing year. The Board regrets that Elder O'Bryan expresses the intention of leaving the State, thereby depriving the Convention of his valuable services, in a section of country where they are peculiarly needed. The Board express the hope, that some brother will be found able and willing to supply his place, in the event he cannot be induced to remain.

Upon application (by letter) of Dr. Tho. Curtis, Corresponding Secretary of the Broad River Association, for the spread of the Gospel: the Board agreed to appropriate one hundred dollars to aid them in employing Elder Wade Hill, as a missionary in the valley of the Catawba River and surrounding country, a section of the State almost entirely destitute of Baptist preaching, and where, the Board learn, great anxiety is manifested for the services of a Missionary. Elder Hill has entered successfully upon the discharge of his duties, for the particulars of which the Convention is referred to his report.

At the same meeting of the Board, the appointment of Elder S. P. Smith, of the Brier Creek Association, was continued until the meeting of the Convention, and Brother William T. Walters, a licentiate of the Bethany Church, Virginia, was requested to preach once a month in the Baptist Church in Milton, until the meeting of the Convention, the Pastor being unable to give them his services more than once a month.

The Board held its quarterly meeting in Milton, on the 18th of August, when reports were received and read from most of the missionaries. A letter was also received in relation to the destitution of Baptist preaching, in a portion of the bounds of the Union Association, and the Corresponding Secretary was directed to write to the Moderator of that Association, inviting their aid and co-operation in the appointment of a missionary to labor in that section of the State. Elder Elias Dodson, missionary of the Beulah Association, was authorized to employ an assistant for one month, to aid him in holding protracted meetings within the field of his labor.—At the same time a letter was received from brother Robt. B. Jones, a licentiate of the Mill Creek Church, in Person County, but now a student at Wake Forest College, asking to become a beneficiary of the Board in obtaining an education, with a view to the Ministry—which was referred to the meeting of the Board at the Convention, and the Secretary was directed to write to brother Jones, to attend at that time. We learn that brother Jones has been unanimously recommended by his church to the patronage of the Board, and from the testimonials and other information they have received of his Christian character and talents, they doubt not that he will become abundantly useful as a Minister of Christ.

Bro. Kimbrough Thompson was received at the last meeting of the Convention as a beneficiary at the College, but has not yet availed himself of the privilege, and has continued in the avocation of a teacher of youth and labored in the ministry as opportunity afforded. So that there is now only one beneficiary of the Convention, pursuing his studies at Wake Forest College. The Board learn that there are other young men, of promising talents and piety, who are licensed Ministers of their Churches, desiring the aid of the Convention in improving their education, and as the funds in that department have accumulated, the Board hope that the number of our beneficiaries will be increased.

The Missionaries have been instructed to collect what they could by subscriptions and public collections, in aid of the funds of the Convention. The Board fear that owing to a mistaken delicacy, this request has been in a good degree neglected. That those who receive the benefits of the preached Gospel, should contribute to its support, will be conceded by all, and as the salaries of our missionaries are fixed, and will not be increased during the year,

they might, with great propriety, solicit and collect funds for the Convention. The Board hope this duty will not be overlooked in future.

The agent of the Convention, who, the Board learn, has been successful in his efforts, owing to the extended field of his operations, cannot visit every section of the bounds of the Convention, during the year. Hence, the greater is the necessity that the missionaries of the Convention should supply, as far as possible, his place within their respective districts of labor.

The Board regret that no missionaries have been appointed for the Eastern or entire Southern section of the State. It has not been owing to a want of interest, or desire on their part, that those destitute regions, for such doubtless there are, should be supplied, but none have been recommended by our brethren there, and the Board cannot find suitable men in the upper part of the State, who are willing to leave their place of nativity, and go down to a region where they are exposed to the influence of an atmosphere and climate to which they are not accustomed, and which in all probability, would prove fatal to their constitutions, if not to their lives.—The Board express the hope, that at the meeting of the Convention suitable fields of labor will be suggested in those regions of the State, and proper Ministers recommended to fill them.

The Board have held their quarterly meetings regularly during the year, and special meetings have been called whenever circumstances required it. A full and faithful account of their proceedings have been published in the Biblical Recorder, and through the same source, an affectionate appeal made to our brethren throughout the State, to extend their prayers and pecuniary aid to the objects of the Convention.

In regard to the cause of education, the Board would congratulate the Convention on the cheering prospects now before them. Wake Forest College, by subscriptions and legacies, with a sale of a portion of its real estate, may be considered as relieved from a a debt, which has hung as an incubus over it for years, and the number of its pupils has, of late, considerably increased. It is gradually winning its way to public favor. A liberal endowment of its Professorships is now needed to establish it on a permanent basis. As early as practicable, preparatory schools should be established in every section of the State. Already have three gone into operation—one at Rockford, one at Trinity, and a third at Milton.

Female schools of high character have been established, and are now in successful operation, in Murfreesborough, Raleigh, Rockford and other places. The necessity of establishing a Female College for the State, of an elevated character, in which suitable testimonials of a high grade of scholarship will be awarded, is seri-

ously entertained by many of our brethren, and is an object worthy of their united and zealous efforts for its accomplishment.

In reference to Foreign Missions, it is a source of sincere regret, that so little has been done by our brethren of this State in proportion to their means, and the importance of the object calling them into action. With the exception of the Raleigh Association, whose example in this respect is worthy of all commendation, candor compels us to say, that our brethren generally have been too remiss in this duty. The calls and affectionate appeals of the esteemed Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, we have reason to fear, have, in most cases, been unheeded. Surely the last and great command of our dear Redeemer, to "preach the Gospel to every creature" has lost none of its force, though more than eighteen centuries have elapsed, since it was given. The Board indulge the fond hope that our brethren will awake to a sense of their duty and obligations to aid this important arm of our benevolent operations, and in future, North Carolina will not fall so far behind her sister States, in the amount of her contributions for Foreign Missions. While in the Providence of God, the hitherto inaccessible parts of the world, are now opened for the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, we are forcibly called upon, without unnecessary delay, to supply them with the "Bread of life."

The Board would notice with great pleasure the fact, that an increased interest is manifested by our Churches, throughout the State, in the establishment of Sabbath schools, and the circulation of religious books and tracts. Some of our Missionaries, while they preach the Gospel day by day, carry with them our religious publications and dispose of them wherever they go. An influence silent and unseen by the world, is thus brought to bear, which is already developing its happy effects, and will continue until a consummation of results shall be affected, by which our principles will no longer be successfully misrepresented, and the cause of truth prevail with all its force. Distinguished individuals, both clergymen and laymen, of other denominations, in different parts of the world, are already yielding to its influence, and joining our standard. For this, let us be devoutly thankful and encouraged to renewed zeal in the good work.

In reviewing the operations of the past year, the Board have abundant cause to admire the wisdom and benevolence that brought the Convention into existence, and they are more indellibly impressed with the importance of its increased efficiency. If it has effected so much amid the opposition, lukewarmness and indifference of many of our brethren, how much greater results would have flown from their united and zealous efforts. That many of our most prominent brethren should stand aloof, and seldom, if ev-

er, be present at its annual meetings, is a source of regret, as well as of deep mortification. It would be well for them to ponder and reflect, that, in the great day of accounts, when they shall witness the results that have flown from the efforts of the few, who have so long and nobly sustained this institution, will they not have shame and confusion of face in the presence of that great Being, whose cause they have thus neglected. It has pleased him, to work by means of human instrumentalities, and when we have renewed evidences for more than twenty years, of the great good that has been accomplished by the efforts of the Convention, he must be blind indeed who cannot see them, and lost to every benign and Christian feeling who will not admire and long to bear some humble part in this great system of benevolence. For the future, let our brethren, without regard to personal differences or antipathies, and with an eye single to the good of their fellow beings and the cause of our dear Redeemer, come manfully to his "help against the mighty"—then will his work still more abundantly prosper in our hands, our hearts be made to rejoice in view of the glory of God.

B. GRAVES, Chairman.

N. J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Ministerial Education offer the following, as their Report:

We do not doubt that many Ministers of the Gospel have been eminently useful without the advantages of Collegiate training;—neither do we doubt that such men would have occupied a much more commanding position, and would have produced a much deeper impression upon their age, had their intellectual energies been fully developed and enriched by the culture which alone can be obtained in Institutions of learning. Without reflecting, therefore, upon the many able and successful ministers, who have adorned their sacred profession, notwithstanding their want of thorough mental discipline and cultivation, we deem it of the greatest importance to the Redeemer's Kingdom, that those who become the Ambassadors of the King of Kings, should be men trained to the severest thought, and enriched with the treasures of knowledge.—When God selected men to accomplish his purposes in the earth, he was not unmindful of their talents and previous cultivation, even when he intended to guide and elevate their thoughts by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," before he was called to bring down the thunders of Heaven upon the throne of Pharoah, and to become the mighty deliverer of an oppressed people. Although the Apostles of Christ are generally supposed to have been rude and uncultivated men, yet among them, as Luke, the classic writer of the Gospel, and the model Historian of the Primitive Church, were those who had passed through the schools of the age, to say nothing of the four years of theological instruction which they received from Him who was the greatest of all teachers. But when an invasion was to be made upon the schools of Philosophy, and the light of the Cross was to flash its glory upon the darkness of Paganism, God selected as the instrument the highly intellectual and thoroughly accomplished Paul. When he entered the field to reason with the learned Greek, and to assail the prejudices of the Barbarian, we find the other Apostles retiring into comparative obscurity, while the skilful disputant, the profound reasoner, and the impassioned orator, becomes the renowned champion of the Christian cause.—Thus God, in his Providence, has shown, that, in the advancement of his truth among men, intellectual qualifications are no more to be overlooked than those which are moral.

This is an age of unprecedented activity in the general mind.—Knowledge is being disseminated among all classes of society. Intellectual might is respected, whilst imbecility is despised. But in this ressurrection from the grave of ignorance, we see errors of every form, and every hue. Infidelity, Pantheism, Romanism and every thing else that can lead man from God, and leave our world a forsaken and friendless thing, are propagated with untiring

and malicious industry. To meet their gigantic errors, and expose their deformity to public view, and hurl them back upon their godless advocates, requires men of more than ordinary mental power.

Besides this, those who are converted by the grace of God, and formed into Churches of Christ, require skilful Pastors to nourish their spiritual life, with the word of God, and to train them for great and extended usefulness in the world. Their benevolence is to be developed, their sense of personal responsibility is to be increased, and all are to be made to feel that they are not to live to themselves, but to him who died for their redemption.

The Pastors who will thus lead on their Churches from one moral elevation to another—imparting lofty views of truth and duty—adopting plans commensurate with the exigencies of perishing men—and preparing them to march forward to the conquest of the world, must be men of sound minds, of sanctified affections, and varied attainments. To bless the Churches with such men, we must, under God, look to our Colleges and Seminaries. In these institutions they may undergo that discipline, and acquire that knowledge, which will enable them to become "wise master-builders," and efficient heralds of salvation.

We think it incumbent on Churches and Pastors to seek out young men of good natural abilities and humble Christ-like piety, who may feel it their duty to *prepare* for the solemn responsibilities of the Ministry, but whose circumstances seem to be unfavorable to such preparation, and to recommend them to the patronage of the Convention.

The Board have but one beneficiary at present, and are prepared to receive several others.

We respectfully suggest to the friends of ministerial education, the importance of greatly augmenting the Education fund by liberal donations, that it may become the means of far more extended usefulness.

We would also recommend Churches and Associations to become the patrons of their own young men, by sustaining them as they may need, through the entire Collegiate course.

Our College at Wake Forest is in a prosperous condition, and gives rich promise of good to our denomination.

We commend it to the earnest prayers and benefactions of all who feel interested in the increasing intelligence and moral progress of mankind.

Feeling the importance of thorough mental culture in the rising Ministry, and knowing its essential connexion with the prosperity of the Churches at home, and the dissemination of the Gospel in foreign lands, your Committee feel that they could not say less, without manifest injustice to the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. HENDRICKSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would beg leave to report: That this Convention have abundant cause of gratitude and praise to the great Head of the Church, for the success He has vouchsafed in his rich mercy, to missionary operations within her borders. During the year past, your missionaries have had their labors blessed with revivals of religion, which have greatly strengthened feeble Churches, animated and encouraged pastors of thriving congregations, and cheered the hearts of all the people of God, in view of the visible spread of the Gospel. Hundreds have been added to our Church during the past year, by the preaching and prayers of these faithful and self-denying evangelists. It is a source of thanksgiving to God, that he has made the field of our labors as extensive as the world, which he has died to redeem, and over which he exercises his mediatorial reign as Lord of all. Hence, the work of Home Missions lies at the foundation only of the whole missionary enterprise. The supply of men to preach the Gospel at home and abroad, must begin here—the means for sustaining our foreign missionaries must be derived from strong and faithful Churches here. Hence, success in the labors of our Missionaries at home, is a sure presage and pledge of constant and unremitting support of all the Missionary and benevolent enterprises sanctioned by the Church, both at home and in foreign lands. God seems to say to his people, "pray unto me, observe my Providence teaching you by almost daily facts, and my grace shall be sufficient for you, and my strength shall be made perfect in your weakness. Go on in your work, and I will pour you out such a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it."

Most of our missionaries have already made their reports through the columns of the Recorder; hence, we avoid recurrence to them in this report.

We recommend to the Convention, to re-appoint all their approved Missionaries, and occupy all the stations and districts which were cultivated so successfully last year, and to grant the petitions of all the Churches and Associations which call on this body for aid. Only let us see to it, that our Missionaries be men of God, sound in the faith and thoroughly furnished to every word and work. Further, that so far as possible, every Missionary should act as a Colporteur in the distribution and sale of books, tracts, and especially our approved publications. That they should establish Sabbath schools, and promote, as far as in them lies, all the great purposes of their appointment, by the Convention. There are many important posts in our field as a State, which should at once be occupied, and the Committee earnestly recommend, that proper measures to secure that object, be promptly pursued. There is a solemn pertinence in the admonition, that the year 1850 is almost knocking at our doors, the half of the 19th century is almost on the

eve of being gone, never to return—we too are passing away, and others must soon enter into our labors. Oh! brethren, let us pray more fervently, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laborers into his harvest. Nor should we lay aside our armor, until we have done all our utmost to extend our Redeemer's Kingdom, and rely firmly on his promise who is ever faithful to his promises, and faithful to his son, that, "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall each one of us receive a crown of glory."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. A. SHAW, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, would submit the following Report:

The promotion of Foreign Missions has been, from the commencement of its operations, a favorite object of this Convention. And although, considering the strength of the denomination in this State, but little perhaps has been accomplished, still, something has been done;—and the interest taken in this department of benevolence has been gradually augmented. Several circumstances have concurred within a few years, to give a quickened impulse to the missionary zeal of our brethren. And, although we would not insinuate that they should be satisfied with the progress attained, still the facts are such as to justify the expectation, that our Churches will soon begin to realize the extent of their obligations on this point, and to meet the claims of the heathen with a liberality not inferior to those of other States.

Agreeably to the last annual report of the General Foreign Mission Board, there were, at Canton, China, twelve persons in the employ of said Board; eight Missionaries, and four Assistants;—at Shanghae, six missionaries and two Assistants;—and on the coast of Africa, seven missionaries and six assistants. Of the former, it will be recollected, two are from this State, who are sustained mainly or entirely by funds contributed by the Raleigh Association.

In addition to the above, the Board have now in contemplation the establishment of a mission in Central Africa, a region of country, of which, as yet, comparatively little is known. This enterprise originated with our brother Bowen, now in attendance at this meeting; who called the attention of the Board to this subject; and who offered himself as the pioneer missionary in that field.—The Board, after duly informing themselves on the subject, concluded to entertain the project, and have accepted the services of bro. Bowen accordingly. He is now making arrangements for his departure, and will sail for Africa in the course of a few weeks.

Respecting this proposed field of labor, it may be proper to add, that recent accounts are such as to justify high expectations as to

the success and utility of the enterprise. It is stated that the country is fertile, healthy, abounding in various articles of trade, and peopled by races enjoying a considerable measure of civilization. It has been but recently and partially explored; and, as a matter of course, is entirely destitute of a knowledge of the Gospel. It is therefore to be hoped, that the missionary there, will enter upon his labors with more than ordinary facilities, and but few of the impediments which are usually encountered in the establishment of new missions.

The Board complain of a scarcity both of men and of means adequate to the demands of the occasion. Inviting fields of labor are opening before them, already ripe for the sickle, and promising an abundant harvest to the ardent and faithful laborer. Their appeal has been made to their brethren of the Southern States. They ask for men; young, ardent, self-denying men, who are willing to forsake their homes, and go into the distant and dark places of the earth, to carry to the perishing heathen the word of life and salvation. They ask also for funds, to sustain the fainting missionary while struggling with the ills of life, and toiling for the salvation of a ruined world. A great question which our brethren and churches in this State are now concerned to answer, is—shall this appeal be made in vain? Shall we who remain at home, who abound in all the comforts of life, and who are blessed with the privileges pertaining to a civilized Christian land, look on with indifference, put to no helping hand, and make no effort to share the honors of the coming triumph? Or shall we, if we cannot go ourselves, contribute freely of our substance, perfumed and sanctified by our prayers, to spread the Gospel over the earth, and to expel the shades of death from the habitations of men? It is hoped that each one will answer this question for himself—in accordance with the decisions of an enlightened conscience, and in view of the solemnities of the great day of accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. MEREDITH, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

Since the last Convention, owing to afflictions in my family, I have been able to operate only ten months and five days, during which time, I have travelled more than 3000 miles, preached 68 sermons, assisted in ordaining 4 ministers, in administering the Lord's supper 4 times. I have visited the following Associations: 1st, Pee Dee, which by funds is represented in this body; then the Union—this Association covers a vast extent of territory, and contains a great deal of wealth, and under the blessing of God is destined at no distant day, to be second to no Association in our State. In making a hasty visit through its bounds, I obtained in subscriptions amounting to $500. I next visited the Chowan, the elevated views and liberality of which has long been known. In passing up the State, I came through the length of the Tar River Association, and found the brethren on whom I called very liberal in favor of the Convention. I then passed through a portion of the Sandy Creek Association, and found them emphatically a missionary body, as their contribution will show. In order, the Liberty and Yadkin Associations were visited, these cover an extensive and interesting portion of our State, and should be fostered by the Convention.—The Churches visited were liberal in the support of its objects.—In the Brier Creek Association, I found a number of warm-hearted Missionaries. In addition to supporting their missionary, the Beulah Association has contributed considerable in support of the other objects of the Convention. Although I have not operated principally in the Raleigh Association, I have received subscriptions amounting to more than $100, in addition to their support of brother Yates in China. My subscription list stands: For the Education Department, $789 40—for the Home Missions, $592 55—Foreign Missions, 313 74, making a total of $1705 69. Of the above subscription, received in cash, for Education, $461 08; for Home Missions, $374 93; for Foreign Missions, 279 87, making a total of $1115 88. On the subscription for year 1848—for Education, $79 50; Home Missions, $35 50, added to cash in hand received this year, amounts to $1230 88.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM JONES, Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

James S. Purify, Treasurer,
In account with the N. C. B. S. Convention, 1849:

DR.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	Total.
Rec'd of Tar River Ass'n, 1848,	17 65	6 70	6 65	31 00
" Tar River, " 1849,	66 43	9 63	9 64	85 70
" Rev. W Jones, ag't. 1849,	405 73	284 88	535 27	1225 88
" Brassfield's Church,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
" Cape Fear, "		14 25		14 25
" Shiloh, "	3 00	3 00	3 00	9 00
" Fayetteville "	10 00	5 50	10 00	
" Yates Comm. of the Ral. Ass. support of M. T. Y.		534 65		534 65
" Committee of Finance,	160 23	99 73	39 31	299 27
" Cape Fear Association,	298 00	3 25		301 25
" Brier Creek "	23 33			23 33
" Jefferson "	26 80			26 80
" Collection for Af'n Miss.		116 50		116 50
" Bethel Church,			1 12	1 12
	1014 51	1081 42	608 32	2704 25
CR.				
Pd Rev. W. Ayers H. M. C. F. A.	298 00			298 00
" T. Meredith, pr'g Minutes, '48	30 00	30 00	30 00	90 00
" Mark May H. M. in full,	18 75			18 75
" Wm. Jones, Agent, in full,	160 00	160 00	160 00	480 00
" W. Jones, b'rd of W Hobgood,			40 00	40 00
" N. J. Palmer, paper, book, &c.	1 50	1 50	1 25	4 25
" S. P. Smith, H. M. in full,	125 13			125 13
" N. J. Palmer, Secretary, 1848,	8 50	8 00	8 50	25 00
" J. Robertson H. M. in full, '48	23 00			23 00
" J. B. Taylor, for African Miss.		116 50		116 50
" Tar River Asso. for H. Miss.	56 80			56 80
" A. D. Blackwood H. M. p't 49	40 00			40 00
" J. S. Purify, for money loaned,	64 54			64 54
" J. J. James, H. M. 1848,	25 00			25 00
" W. T. Brooks, b'd J. C. Averett, 1849,			76 00	76 00
" J. B. White, tuition of J. C. Averett, 1849,			51 00	51 00
" S. G. O'Bryan, H. M. in full,	42 88			42 88
" John Robertson, in part, 1849,	37 41			37 41
" A. Thomas, Treas. F. M. B'd for M. T. Yates, from the Raleigh Association,		534 65		534 65
" A. Thomas, Treas. F. M. B'd		230 77		230 77
" A. Freeman, for cash borrw'd,	83 00		165 00	248 00
	1014 51	1081 42	531 75	2627 68
Balance in the hands of the Treas.			76 57	76 57
			608 32	2704 25

JAMES S. PURIFY, Treasurer.

DEBTS OF THE CONVENTION.

	H. M.	F. M.	Ed.	Total.
Due A. Freeman, borrow'd money,	375 00			375 00
" N. J. Palmer, Secretary, '49	16 00	17 00	17 00	50 00
" J. Robertson, H. M. 1849,	136 68			136 68
" S. Wait, H. M. 1849,	50 00			50 00
" A. D. Blackwood, H. M. '49	75 00			75 00
" Wade Hill, H. M. 1849,	50 00			50 00
Total,	$702 68	17 00	17 00	$736 68

I have examined this Report, and find it correct.

WM. T. BROOKS, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance would respectfully report the following, as received from the Churches, Associations, &c.:

1849.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	Total.
Flat Rock Church,	2 50	2 50	2 50	7 00
Hester's "	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
Sandy Cross "	10 00			10 00
Mount Tabor "	10 00			10 00
Holly Grove "	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
Capehart's "	10 50	11 00		21 50
Rockyhock "	14 25			14 25
Edenton "	3 00	15 42	3 00	21 42
Cashie "	12 68	12 66	12 66	38 00
Olive Branch "	4 50	4 50	4 50	13 50
Flat R. Union "	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
Mar's Hill "	30 00			30 00
Milton "		10 00		10 00
H. D. Blackwood,	10 00			10 00
Ahosky Miss. Society,	8 00	12 00		20 00
Bethlehem Miss. Society,	13 80			13 80
Beulah Churches and Association,		7 70		7 70
Raleigh Church,	9 30	2 30		11 60
Sabbath Collection,	6 68	6 66	6 66	20 00
Mrs. Sarah E. Norcott,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	160 23	99 73	39 31	299 27

The above paid to J. S. Purify, Treasurer.

P. F. PESCUD, Ch'mn.

P. S. The Beulah Association paid Rev. J. B. Taylor for Foreign Missions,		$31 00		31 00
Raleigh Church paid Brother Bowen, African Miss.		14 50		14 50
Beulah Association—Salary of their Missionary as per agreement with the Convention,	$200 00			200 00

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS NAMES FOR THE YEAR 1849.

NAMES.	H. M. $	Ed. $	F. M. $
R. W. Lawson,	5	5	
David Jones,		10	
Newbern Church,			54
Henry F. Bond,		8	
J. C. Washington,		10	
George R. French,	10		
George Fennel,	5	5	
Union Association,		14	56 13
African Mission,			1 35
M. M. Wood,		10	
E. Felton,		5	5
Charles W. Skinner,		10	
Elizabeth City Church,			25
Colerain Mission Society,	2	1	17
Bertie Union Meeting,	3 50	3 50	3 50
Collection at Chowan Association,	10	10	10
Louisburg Church,	10		
William Russel,		5	
Isabella Russel,		5	
Sally W. Galdin,		5	
Benjamin T. Adams,		5	
Priscilla Staton,	5		
J. M. C. Brinson,		5	
Z. Slade,		5	
P. Hardy,	5		
Mrs. Clark,		5	
Joel Hines,		5	
James McDaniel,	5		
Margaret Fennel,		5	
J. C. C. Jenkins,			5
Henrietta W. Mebane,	5		
Ann E. Yancy,		1	
Wm. Bishop,		5	
James Harrell,		5	
John Nowell,	5		
John Madre,	5		
James Harrell,		5	
B. W. Thach,		5	
Mary Benberry,		5	

NAMES.	H. M. $	Ed. $	F. M. $
John Hollowell,	5		
Rufus K. Speed,		5	
F. B. Grandy,	5		
Evan Forbes,		5	
R. D. Simpson,			5
W. Riddick,	5		
Elizabeth Watson,		5	
A. Emerson,	1 66	1 66	1 66
Sarah Gilmore,	5		
L. Simmons,	1 66	1 66	1 66
J. F. Jordan,	5		
Mary A. Williams,		5	
John G. Williams,		5	
T. H. Williams,		4	
Charles Ward,	4		
J. W. Barnes,		4	
Jas. Wiseman,	4		
Sam'l Adams,		3	
Wm. Ramsey,		3	
Thomas Dockery,	1 50	1 50	
Sam'l Flowers,	3		
Margaret Kornegay,	2		
John N. Washington,		3	
William H. Washington,		3	
Stephen White,		3	
Wm. Wright,		3	
Lewis L. Highsmith,	3		
David Wells,	1 50	1 50	
Charles T. Stephens,	3		
J. L. Boykin,	3		
John Joiner,		3	
Ann Bernard,	3		
Bryant Lassiter,	3		
J. R. Ferguson,	3		
James B. Sprewil,		3	
West Leary,		3	
Sam'l Sutton,		3	
Ann S. Wood,		3	
Ellen F. Hendrickson,		3	
B. Baxter,		3	
H. P. Forbes,		3	
A. L. Dozier,		3	
R. A. Barkley,			3
Susannah Headen,			3
Sam'l Dowd,	1 50		1 50
Sanders Norris,	3		
Andrew J. Woodward,			3

Names.	H. M.	Ed.	F. M.
Mrs. Bond,	$2	$	$
R. S. Blount,	2		
Ann Joyner,	2 50		
J. R. Ezzell,	2		
S. J. Stephens,	2		
Alfred Moy,		2	
W. J. Moy,		1	
E. J. Blount,		2	
Elias J. Blount,		3	
Ann A. Lawson,		2	
Elizabeth P. Brown,		2	
Nannie Betts,		2	
Bryant Boroughs,	2		
M. T. Waddill,		2	
M. W. Jones,	2		
Joseph White,			2 50
John Parker,		1	
Willis Bagley,		2	
Cash,		2	
William C. Cartwright,		2	
William D. Pritchard,		2	
James Scall,		1	
Margaret E. Grandy,		2	
J. Carver,		2	
Thomas Sutton,		2	
E. H. Barkley,			2
Elizabeth Alston,		2	
N. G. Degraphinredett,	2		
Benjamin N. Watson,		2 50	
H. Lilly,	2		
Mary H. Woodard,			2
Nancy Ashley,			2
N. Richardson,		2	
Collection at Swims,	1 60		
B. H. Eaton and wife,	2		
Cynthia E. Pritchard,		2	
W. Duskin,	2		
O. Sprinkle,		1	1
S. Parkes,	1		
S. Smith,	1 50		
H. H. Easons,	1 60		
W. Powell,	1		
Sanders M. Ingram,		1	
J. Luther and wife,	50	1	
N. M. Womble,	1		
E. A. Womble,		1	
Ruth C. Womble,		1	
S. T. Womble		1	

Names.	H. M.	Ed.	F. M
	$	$1	$
S. A. Thomas,	1		
H. P. Stone and S. C. Brewer,	1		
Sarah Flowers,	1		
T. Hall,	1		
J. W. News,	1		
Charlotte Lawson,		1	
W. Baily,		95	
P. C. Betts,		1	
S B. Faulkner,		1	
E M. Faulkner,		1	
M. A. Wright,		1	
N. Allen,		1	
E. C. Norton,	50	50	
J. W. Hutchinson,	1		
E. Covington,	1 50		
W. H. Bryan,		1	
John Oliver,	1		
Cash,		1	
D. Merett,		1	
M. Simons,		1	
C. F. Braxton,		1	
M. L. Peebles,		1	
Dr. Bently,		1	
G. W. Howe,		1	
J. W. Larry,		1	
P. B. Southerland,		1	
M. A. Devane,	1		
N. D. Fennel,		1	
R. J. Fennel,		1	
J. C. Fennel,		1	
W. W. Fennel,		1	
D. W. Fennel,		1	
Mary Wells,			1
S. Newton,			1
A. S. C. Powell,		1 25	
E. L. Powell,		1 25	
J. R. Goodrie,	1 25		
L. J. Powell,		1 25	
A Friend,	1		
W. R. Leland,		1	
Louisa Jones,	1		
M. Braswell,		1	
James Cheek,		1	
Miles Bobbitt,		1	
Elizabeth Meredith,		1	
Claudia Meredith,		1	
G. Meredith,	1		
R. Hoggard,	1		

Names.	H. M.	Ed.	F. M.
E. R. Gilliam,	$	$1	$
William Perry,	1 50		
C. Ellyson,	1		
R. P. Thomas,		1	
Nancy Thomas,	1		
E. W. Riddick,	1		
M. E. Wood,		1	
T. D. Martin,		1	
M. Evans,		1	
Nancy Harrell,		1 50	
R. Simpson,			1
C. R. Hendrickson,		1	
Wm. Sawyer,		1	
S. D. Bunch,		1	
J. Baugham,			1
A. Jones,		1	
E. Jones,	1		
L. Bachelor,		1	
J. Bachelor,		1	
J. Millikin,	1		
J. B. Burns,			1
H. W. Peoples,	1		
C. Peoples,	1		
T. Marly,	1		
C. G. Thompson,		1	
A. E. Boylan,	1		
S. March,	1		
M. J. Elkin,	1		
William D. Ashley,	1		
T. B. Crocker,	1		
N. Knight,			1
D. A. Hunt,	1		
J. Bleving,	1		
William Turner,	1		
Richard Barnes,	1		
J. J. Conrad,	1		
Young ladies at Conrad's,	1		
Wm. T. Beeman,		1	
H. McCalpin,	1		
A. B. Alderman,		1	
R. Johnson,	1		
Cash,		1	
Spring Hill Church,	5		5
Sarah M. Lewis,		10	
Dr. William Hooper,	5	5	10
H. Perkins,		10	
Bertie Union Meeting per Dr. Wheeler,			10

Names.	Ed.	H. M.	F. M.
J. B. Solomon,	$	$	$ 10
Mark Bennet,	10		
Flat River Association,	7 17	7 17	7 17
O. F. Baxter,	5		5
Mrs. Elizabeth Washington,		10	
Pedee Association,	8 33	8 33	8 33
Fork Church,		10	
Eaton's Church,	3	3	4
Kendall's Church,		10	
Ebenezer Church,		7	
Carthleges Creek Church,	3 33	3 33	3 33
Sarah Ann Stone,	10	10	10
Cross Roads Church,		9	
Rockford,	6 50	6 50	
Brier Creek Association,		12 5	
William Jones,	10		
Island Ford Church,		10 55	
Benjamin T. Adams,	5		
Priscilla Staten,		5	
Margaret Fennell,	5		
P. Hardee,		5	
D. Gaskins,	5		
E. N. Riddick,		5	
E. Ferebee,	5		
J. J. Biggs,	5		
J. D. Nunn,		5	
Susannah Parish,		5	
P. F. Pescud, Yates,			5
Mary M. Frost,		5	
Stephen Bazemore,		4	
T. J. Pitchford,	2	2	
James Newbold,	3		
Joseph Waff,		3	
E. B. Waff,	3		
Amy Frost,		3	
S. Dismukes,	3		
Mary E. Newbole,	2		
H. D. Bell,		1	1
Martha Bell,	2		
Cornelia R. Bunch,			2 50
Lewis Amos,		1	1
Wm. T. Hutchinson's child,		12	
J. Meredith,	1		
E. Pipkin,		1	
J. D. Pipkin,	1		
T. J. Bowen,	1		
J. J. Blackwood,	1		
R. I. Devin,	1		

Names.	Ed.	H. M.	F. M.
	$	$	$
J. P. Montague,		1	
L. Wilson,		50	
Rec'd for 1848, Jesse Powel,	10		
Mary Balmer,	10		
Bethel Church,	5	5	
Sarah A. Edwards,		1	
Susan W. Duskin,	1		
Elizabeth J. Crutchfield,	1		
E. Faucett,	1		
S. P. Brinkley,		1	
M. E. Brinkley,	1		
O. E. Barkley,		1	
D. F. Barkley,		1	
A. Rogers,		1	
J. Murray,		3	
J. Joiner, Jr.,	3		
H. Bryan,		3	
Wm. J. Gatling,	5		
M. J Hargrave,	2 50	2 50	
E. P. Carver,	3		
N. Wooten,	2		
S. A. Wooten,	2		
E. Wooten,	2		
M. Bobbitt,		2	
Wm. Solomon,	2		
Wm. J. Taylor,		2	
G. P. Harrell,		2	
Martha Morris,		1	
J. J. Crutchfield,	2		
J. Southerland,		1	
R. Bright,		1	
Wm. Lunsford,	1		
Wm. Blount,	10		
D. Jones,		10	
M. J. Carraway,	2		
Dr. G. W. Ward,	10		
E. Solomon,	1		
Samuel Baldwin,		4	
Matilda Baldwin,		1	
John Quakenbush,		1	
Mary Jane Oldham,	1		

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.*

Art. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the Churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of the State; and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of Missions in general.

Art. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

Art. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such institutions, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

Art. 5. Every Association or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate who shall be a member of the Baptist Church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. Any regular member of the Baptist Church, by contributing at one time the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he continues a member in good standing in the Baptist Church to which he belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, or in instalments, may become a life member of the Board of Managers, upon the same conditions.

Art. 7. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who, with 20 others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the President, to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, to preside in case of his absence, according to seniority.—The Secretaries shall be required to discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make

an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the Minutes. The duty of the Auditor will be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Art. 9. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such time and place, as it shall, from time to time, designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 10. There shall be an adequate number of Agents subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, Churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 11. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, at such time and place as it shall direct.

Art. 12. The Convention shall require of its Board, a full report of all their proceedings, at each annual meeting.

Art. 13. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2. Every speaker shall arise and address the President, on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7. The names of members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the

mover, and handed to the Chair or Secretary, before debated.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made, and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

OXFORD, N. C., October 19, 1849.

This Society held its Anniversary meeting in the Baptist Church in Oxford, N. C., commencing at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. J. J. James, the President, took the Chair, and called the Society to order, and opened its proceedings by reading part of the 119th Psalm, singing and prayer, by the Rev. A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia.

Brother John H. Lacy, of Milton, in the absence of the Secretary, was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

The Annual Discourse before the Society, in the absence of the Rev. John L. Prichard, appointed to that duty at the last meeting, was, at the request of the President, delivered by the Rev. Archibald McDowell, of Milton, from Proverbs, 16th chapter, 25th verse: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof *are* the ways of death."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Report of the Board of Managers was presented and read, by the Rev. R. I. Devin, Corresponding Secretary; which, on motion of Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, of Milton, was accepted and ordered to be published.

The Society was then addressed by Dr. Shaw, and Rev. J. J. Finch, of Raleigh.

The following Resolution was offered by Rev. Mr. Finch, and after some remarks by the mover, adopted by the Society:

Resolved, That the Society should engage more energetically in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, at home.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Finch, White and Devin, were appointed to nominate the Officers and Board of Managers for the ensuing year—who reported the following, who were *unanimously* appointed:

Rev. J. J. JAMES, *President:*
Rev. Wm. H. Jordan, Hamilton Hester, Esq., *Vice Presidents,*
Rev. R. I. Devin, *Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer,*
Franklin B. Hester, *Recording Secretary,*
Joseph Hobgood, *Depository Agent.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS, LOCATED AT OXFORD.

The Officers of the Society, with Williamson Parham, James B. Hobgood, William Jones, Nathaniel Canady, Samuel Canady, A. C. Parham, Bennett Hester, Elijah Hester, John Kerr, Esq., Nathaniel J. Palmer, Joseph Gooch, T. T. Grandy, George W. Jones, Esq., Joseph Howard, John Sherman.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, read, and accepted by the Society.

A Committee was appointed to wait on the congregation, and receive the names of new members and contributions to the funds of the Society, who reported a number of additional members, and contributions to the amount of $30.

The Society then adjourned, subject to the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. J. B. White, President of Wake Forest College.

J. J. JAMES, President.

JOHN H. LACY, Secretary, pro tem.

MONDAY EVENING, October 22, 1849.

The Society met at the call of the President.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be, and they are hereby tendered to Rev. A. McDowell, for his admirable address before the Society, and that he be requested to have the same published in one of our religious newspapers.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. J. M. C. Breaker, of Newbern, be requested to preach the next Annual Sermon before the Society.

On motion, the proceedings of the Society were directed to be published with the Minutes of the Convention.

The Society then adjourned, after benediction, by the Rev. A. M. Poindexter.

Teste, J. J. JAMES, President.

JOHN H. LACY, Secretary, pro tem.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

OXFORD, October 23, 1849.

The Board of Managers held a session in the Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. J. J. James, President, in the Chair, and Nathaniel J. Palmer acting as Secretary, pro tem.

On motion of Rev. R. I. Devin, the Secretary of the meeting was requested to correspond with the American and Foreign Bible Society, in relation to an old claim which they have brought against the Society—and, if practicable, settle the same.

Ordered, That the Treasurer appropriate the funds in his hands and which may hereafter come to his hands, as far as necessary in the payment for Bibles and Testaments recently purchased.

On motion, the Board agreed to unite with the Publication and Sunday School Society, in appointing J. P. Montague, of Granville, as Colporteur and Agent of the two Societies, to sell and distribute Bibles and Religious Books and Tracts, and to receive as a compensation from the two Societies twenty dollars per month.

Rev. Richard Jacks was authorized and requested to procure a portion of the Bibles and Testaments now at Cedar Falls, Randolph County, and sell and distribute them in his field of labor, as Missionary of the Liberty Association. J. P. Montague to take the balance. The Board then adjourned.

J. J. JAMES, President.

N. J. PALMER, Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society beg leave so submit this, their annual report, and though they regret to say that they have nothing very interesting to communicate to the Society, yet some little has been done to meet the destitution of our own State.

Your Board being fully sensible of the great importance of having an active and efficient agent in the field, to collect funds and distribute Bibles—accordingly, at a meeting held the 7th of February, Elder Richard Jacks was appointed Agent and Colporteur for six months, at $25 per month.

Bro. Jacks was immediately informed of his appointment, and urged to accept, and enter upon the duties of his agency as soon as practicable, which office he accepted.

But for other pressing engagements, he could not give his whole attention to the Bible cause. In his report of Oct. 3d, he says:—"I have supplied 41 destitute families with the Bible, sold 23, gave away to poor families, 35."

The attention of the Board has been directed to the destitution of our own State, but owing to the want of means and Colporteurs, but little has been done.

This Society was brought into existence to accomplish a glorious object, the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures among the destitute of our own country, and in foreign lands. An object so sacred, it would seem, could not fail to call forth the prayers and contributions of every genuine follower of Christ. The abundance of

good that has already been done in giving to the poor and destitute the word of life, by the feeble efforts that have been put forth, calls upon us to make more vigorous efforts in the heavenly work, and continue to pour the light of revelation into those dark regions, till they shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. There are many families in our own State without the Bible, who " with tears in their eyes," would joyfully receive the lamp of life.

There are many districts of country where there are no Churches, no Ministers of Jesus, and no Sabbath Schools, where every unholy influence is allowed to exert itself without restraint. Such regions should be supplied with the Bible—the Book, and the only Book, which can make wise unto salvation.

The distribution of the Scriptures at home, not only claims our attention, but also, the great and wide-spread destitution of foreign lands. Never before has the world presented such prospects to the *great enterprise* of giving the word of salvation to all the dwellers upon earth.

In view of the moral condition of thousands and millions of the human race, who " sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death," wretched beyond description, and whose cry comes up in melting tones, " send us the bread of life." Let us awake to our duty in this great and glorious cause of dispensing the pure word of God to all the children of men, that they may be redeemed and saved.

The reason why so little has been done in the great work of evangelizing the world, and making universal the Messiah's Kingdom, is because the Church has not felt her responsibilities, exercised her power, nor come up to her duty.

How great the responsibility that rests upon us, and all who profess the Christian name?

R. I. Devin, Corresponding Secretary.

Oxford, Oct. 16, 1849.

CONSTITUTION OF THE N. C. BAP. BIBLE SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Institution shall be denominated the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be, to promote a wider circulation of the Scriptures in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

Art. 3. The members of this Institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

Art. 4. By contributing the sum of ten dollars at one time any one may become a life member, and by the contribution of twenty-five dollars, a life member of the Board of Managers.

Art. 5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents,

a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, to whom shall be added a Board of Managers—all of whom shall be elected annually.

Art. 6. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum, to transact all business demanding attention, during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

Art. 8. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same place and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

Art. 9. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a vote of two-thirds, whenever expediency shall dictate.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AND CONTRIBUTORS.

James B. Hobgood,
Miss J. E. Barnett,
Robert B. Jones,
H. C. Strowd,
Mrs. Shaw,
J. B. White,
W. S. Grandy,
Mrs. E. F. Hendrickson,
Edmund W. Burges,
Mrs. M. G. Jones,
L. C. Hinton,
G. W. Thompson,
Moses Baldwin,
P. F. Pescud,
Raleigh Baptist Sabbath School,
J. J. Blackwood,
S. C. Tatum,
T. Meredith,
John H. Lacy.
C. W. Bessent,
A. D. Blackwood,
Mrs. M. P. White,
W. R. Trawick,
T. T. Grandy,
Mary Askew,
J. S. Purify,
Dr. A. J. Askew,
W. W. Mitchell,
Dr. W. M. Crenshaw,
B. F. Biddle,
J. McDaniel,
D. S. Williams,
Theodore Shaw,
J. B. Stone,
Wm. Folk,
J. J. Finch,
David Williams,

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

N. C. BAP. PUBLICA'N AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

This Society held its fourth Anniversary Meeting in the Baptist Church at Oxford, October 20th, 1849.

The Rev. J. J. Finch, President of the Society, took the chair and called the Society to order. In the absence of the Secretary, P. F. Pescud was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

The President read a portion of the 119th Psalm.

After singing an appropriate hymn, prayer was, at the request of the President, offered by Rev. J. S. Purify.

Agreeably to appointment, at the last meeting, Dr. William A. Shaw of Milton delivered the annual sermon before the Society, from Luke 8: 15, 16, 17, 18. The discourse was truly appropriate to the occasion.

At the conclusion of the address, the following resolutions were offered by N. J. Palmer, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. C. R. Hendrickson of Elizabeth City, who addressed the Society. He was followed by the Rev. A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia, when the question was taken and the resolutions unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the interests of the Baptist denomination, and the cause of truth and enlightened piety require that the publication and circulation of religious books and tracts be extended.

Resolved, That Sabbath Schools and Sabbath School libraries ought forthwith to be established in all our churches.

Resolved, That the Southern Baptist Publication Society, the Board of which is located in Charleston, S. C., should receive the efficient aid and co-operation of this Society, and that we become auxiliary to the same.

Resolved, That the Baptist Associations and churches in this State be earnestly and affectionately requested to organize Societies auxiliary to the Society, and report the same to the Secretary at Raleigh.

A Committee consisting of N. J. Palmer, Dr. W. M. Crenshaw, William Jones, and G. W. Thompson were appointed to wait on the congregation and receive the names of additional members and contributions; who reported a number of additional names, with contributions to the amount of $16 85.

Elder J. J. James, G. W. Thompson, and N. J. Palmer were appointed a Committee to nominate officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year—who report the following:

Rev. J. J. Finch of Raleigh, President.

FORM OF AN AUXILIARY

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND S. S. SOCIETY.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Publication and Sunday School Society of Church or town, the object of which shall be the encouragement of the circulation of religious books and tracts, and the establishment of one or more Sabbath Schools and Libraries.

2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication snd Sunday School Society, and its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, with a Board of nine Managers, who shall be elected annually.

3. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary shall record its proceedings; the Treasurer receive, keep, and disburse it funds, according to the order of the Society; and the Librarian shall have charge of the Library.

4. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the parent State Society, one half to be returned in books at cost prices, and the other half devoted to the aid of destitute Sabbath Schools and neighborhoods.

5. The Society shall meet annually, or oftener, at the call of one or more of its presiding officers. At the annual meetings some one shall be selected to address the Society, or preach a sermon before it.

6. Any person may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its funds, or a life member by the contribution, at one time, of the sum of ten dollars.

Form of a bequest to the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the N. Carolina Baptist State Convention for the objects of that Convention, the sum of $ to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

If the donor desires it especially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or N. Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest. N. J. PALMER, *Sec.*

Form of a bequest to the Wake Forest College.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Wake Forest College, incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of N. Carolina, the sum of $ for the use and benefit of the said Institution, to be paid by executor within two years after my decease."

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N. B. All gifts or bequests to the Convention or either of the Societies, must be made to "The Trustees of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina," and their successors in office, the donor or devisor stating the objects to which he or she may wish it applied.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.*

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of missionaries within the limits of the State; and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such institutions as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association or individual shall be entitled to send to the Convention one delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. Any regular member of the Baptist church, by contributing at one time the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he or she continues a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he or she belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, may become a life member of the Board of Managers, upon the same conditions.

ART. 7. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who, with twenty others, shall constitute a Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, to preside in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Secretaries shall be required to discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes. The duty of the Auditor will be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

ART. 9. The Board of Managers shall meet quarterly or oftener, at such time and place as they shall, from time to time, designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 10. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 11. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, at such time and place as it shall direct.

Art. 12. The Convention shall require of its Board a full report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

Art. 13. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.
2. Every speaker shall rise and address the President on any subject to be discussed.
3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.
4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.
5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.
6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.
7. The names of members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.
8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair or Secretary, before debated.
9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.
10. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.
11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.
12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.
13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constiution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

Proceedings.

WILMINGTON, N. C., October 16th, 1851.

The members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina assembled in the First Baptist church at this place, agreeable to the adjournment of the last session, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Elder James McDaniel of Wilmington, (the President of the last Convention,) according to usage took the chair and called the Convention to order, and the proceedings were opened after the reading of portions of the Sacred Scriptures, and appropriate remarks and a welcome to the members by the President, singing a hymn and prayer by Elder Thomas W. Tobey of Raleigh

The list of Associations, Churches, and other religious bodies, auxiliary to or acting in concert with the Convention, were then called by the Secretary, when it appeared they were represented by the following delegates:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Beulah Association—Elders J. J. James, John H. Lacy, Elias Dodson, A. D. Blackwood and brother Nathaniel J. Palmer.

Brier Creek Association—No delegate.

Chowan Association—Dr S. J. Wheeler, Elder J. G Barkley.

Cape Fear Association—Elder A. P. Repiton, H. McAlpin, Thomas H. Chatterton, Elder H. Lennon, William Holingsworth, Jordan H. Cobb, J. M. Beasley, R. McDaniel and P. Taylor.

Flat River Association—Elder William Jones, J. P. Montague

Jefferson Association—No delegate.

Liberty Association—No delegate.

Pee Dee Association—L. Simmons.

Raleigh Association—Elders D. S. Williams, James S. Purify, John B. White, Thomas W. Tobey, brethren Alexander Williams, James A. Hicks, Thomas Lockhart, L. Davis, W. S. Ballenger, Benjamin Williams, G. B. Ballenger, Samuel H. Dunn, P. B. Burt, Rufus Ivey, Josiah Horton and John P. Cook.

Tar River Association—Guilford Lewis, Bryant D. Rice, Jesse F. Taylor, David L. Hardy, Joshua P. Cook and Thomas Eaton.

Union Association—Elders James McDaniel, George W. Huffham,

A. Guy, H. R. Kornegay, H. Minor, brethren C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, J. A. Parker, J. J. Bryant, A. B. Senthall, D. Cashwell, Laban Carroll, Benjamin Oliver, L. Highsmith, C. C. Oats, Joel Hines, Joel Loften, H. Murray, J. C. Stevenson, F. C. Wilson, D. Glissen, H. Croom, C. J. Oats, J. W. Millard, Macon Blount, E. B. Wood, Joshua Loften, Whitman Price, N. C. Faison, F. B. Millard, A. Alderman, Josiah Horton, Dr. Daniel DuPre, Benjamin Hallet, Rufus P. Jones, D. R. Wallace, T. A. Graham, E. R. Concord, Jonathan Wood, William H. Faison, William Wright, G. W. Marshall, George W. Hobbs and Noah Highsmith.

Sandy Creek Association—No delegate.

Yadkin Association—C. W. Bessent.

CHURCHES.

Milton—Elder John H. Lacy.
Raleigh—Elder William Hooper.
Mar's Hill—Elder Alexander D. Blackwood.
Trinity—Elder John H. Lacy.
Louisburg—Guilford Lewis.
Wake Forest—R. D. Wallace.
Conoconary—Jesse Powell.
Grassy Creek—John E. Montague, L. B. Stone.
Oxford—Elder R. I. Devin.
Island Creek—Elder William H. Jordan.
Mount Pleasant—Elder R. I. Devin.
Orange Street Church, Wilmington—S. J. Riley.
Salisbury—J. B. Solomon.
Wilmington—Elder L. C. Hinton, Giles Cloate.
Brassfield's—Rufus P. Jones.
Newbern—J. C. Stevenson, Elder J. M. C. Breaker.
Fayetteville—R. McDaniel and J. M. Beasley.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Juvenile Missionary Society of the First Baptist church in Wilmington—B. F. Mitchell.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Elder John H. Lacy, James McDaniel, L. Simmons, William S. Ballenger, Elder John B. White, Miss Ann L. Pope by Henry Pittman, M. Richman by John H. Lacy, Rufus Ivey, David Wells, William T. Brooks, S. O. Tatum, N. A. Purify by Joshua McDaniel, Elder S. Pleasant and Elder John Monroe. (For further list see report of General Agent.)

A large majority of the members appointed to the Convention being present, on motion of Elder D S. Williams, the Convention proceeded to the election of its President—Elders D. S. Williams, William Jones and A. D. Blackwood having been appointed to conduct the balloting ; who reported that Elder James McDaniel of Wilmington, hav-

ing received a majority of the whole number of votes given, was duly elected. Elder McDaniel having been conducted to the chair by Elders Williams and Jones, made his acknowledgements to the Convention in an appropriate address.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention, the committee to consist of R. I. Devin, A. D. Blackwood, G. Lewis, John B. White and Elias Dodson.

On motion, Correspondents from other State Conventions or Associations were invited to report their names and take seats in the Convention, when Elder A. B. Cabaniss from the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Elder H. Keeling from the General Association of Virginia were reported and invited to take seats in the Convention.

On motion of Elder Thomas W. Tobey, a committee of five were appointed to arrange the religious exercises during the session of the Convention. Committee to consist of C. D. Ellis, Nathaniel J. Palmer, B. Oliver, A. P. Repiton, J. A. Hicks, and on motion the President of the Convention was added to the committee.

On motion, Elders J. J. James, D. S. Williams, John B. White and Nathaniel J. Palmer were appointed a committee to arrange the order of business of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder L. C. Hinton and benediction by the President.

At early candle-light the introductory sermon, in the absence of Elder P. W. Dowd appointed for that purpose, was by invitation preached in the Baptist church by Elder William Hooper, LL. D., from Mark 7th chapter, 7th and 8th verses. The subject was the teachings of the Sacred Scriptures. It was listened to with much interest by the members of the Convention and a large and attentive audience.

FRIDAY, October 17th, 1851.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after reading a portion of the Sacred Scriptures, singing and prayer by Elder H. Minor.

The roll of members was called by the Secretary and the names of additional delegates enrolled.. And the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was

Resolved, That Elder Wm. Hooper be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon delivered last evening, for publication in the Baptist Preacher and Biblical Recorder.

The President having announced that the use of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Protestant and Presbyterian churches have been tendered to the use of the Convention, on motion of Elder Thomas W. Tobey they were unanimously accepted by the Convention.

A communication was received from the South Carolina Baptist

State Convention, and also a communication through Elder John H. Lacy from the Western Convention of North Carolina, which was ordered to be filed with the Minutes, and the Secretary directed to respond to the same. Communications were also received and read from the Yadkin Association and from the Baptist church in Salisbury, which after remarks by Elder J. B. Solomon and Elder J. J. James, were referred to the Board of Managers.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from Rev. Samuel Wait, D. D., President of Oxford Female College, in relation to the successful opening of that institution, which was read by the Secretary.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented by brother N. J. Palmer, read and adopted.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was presented and read by brother Nathaniel J. Palmer, Recording Secretary, received, and on motion of James C. Stevenson, ordered to be published with the Minutes.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder J. J. James.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after prayer by Elder H. Lennon.

On motion, a Committee of Finance was appointed consisting of J. C. Stevenson, H. Lennon, and G. Lewis.

Elder A. D. Blackwood from the committee on the nomination of the remaining officers of the Convention, made a report recommending appointment of the following:

VICE PRESIDENTS.

1st. Rev. David S. Williams.
2d. Rev. J. J. James.
3d. Dr. G. C. Moore.
Rev. John H. Lacy, *Cor. Sec.*
Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq. *Rec. Sec.*
Rev. James S. Purify of Forestville, *Treasurer.*
Prof. Wm. T. Brooks of Wake Forest College, *Auditor.*

Which report was concurred in by the Convention and the officers as recommended, appointed.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to nominate a Board of Managers, consisting of Elder D. S. Williams, President J. B. White and Elder A. D. Blackwood.

Correspondents to neighboring Conventions or State Associations were called on to report. Elders Repiton and Tobey, reported as having attended the General Association of Virginia, and were kindly received. Elder John H. Lacy attended the late meeting of the Western Baptist Convention of North Carolina, whose report was read to the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to appoint Correspondents to State Conventions and Associations, as follows :—

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention to meet at Society Hill, S. C., on Friday before the third Sabbath in November next—Elders James McDaniel, A. P. Repiton, A. D. Blackwood, J. J. James, James S. Purify, H. McAlpin, David S. Williams, brethren Rufus Ivey and J. M. Beasley.

To the General Association of Virginia to meet in the city of Norfolk, on Friday before the first Sabbath in June, 1852—Elders T. W. Tobey, R. I. Devin, A. P. Repiton, J. J. James, James S. Purify, James McDaniel, John H. Lacy, G. W. Huffham, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, N. C. Fisk, N. J. Palmer, C. D. Ellis, J. M. Allen, Elder H. Minor and C. J. Oats.

To the North Carolina Western Baptist Convention to meet with the Cane Creek Church, in Buncombe County, on Friday after the 4th Sabbath in August, 1852—Elder John H. Lacy, President John B. White, Elders R. B. Jones, Elias Dodson, J. J. James, brethren N. J. Palmer, Guilford Lewis, Z. A. Patillo and Calvin Graves.

On motion of Elder T. W. Tobey,

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be requested to send a special Agent to attend the next session of the North Carolina Western Baptist Convention.

On motion of Elder A. P. Repiton,

Resolved, That any member of this Convention who may be present at the meeting of either of the Religious Bodies with which we correspond, be considered as a correspondent or representative.

On motion, Elders White, Harper and James, were appointed a committee to inquire into and report as to the expediency of continuing the office of General Agent to the Convention.

On motion, Elders Purify, Tobey, Devin, Huffham and brother N. J. Palmer, were appointed a committee to inquire into, and report in reference to the location of the Board of Managers.

On motion of Elder A. P. Repiton, a committee of three were appointed to report on the subject of Special Changes in reference to the decease since the last meeting, of Elders Thomas Meredith, G. M. Thompson, Stephen Guy and brother Lewis Bond. Committee to consist of Elders A. P. Repiton, H. R. Kornegay and J. P. Montague.

On motion of Elder T. W. Tobey, a Committee of three was directed to be appointed to arrange the exercises of the General Meetings on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, on the subjects of Education, Home Missions and Foreign Missions. Committee to consist of Elders J. B. White, J. H. Lacy and Dr S. J. Wheeler.

On motion, the Convention agreed that the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, should meet to-night immediately after the sermon to be delivered in the first Baptist Church.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock. Prayer by Elder A. B. Cabaniss of Virginia, with the benediction by the President.

At night a sermon was delivered in the First Baptist Church, by Elder L. C. Hinton of South Carolina, and in the Orange Street Church by Elder A. D. Blackwood, of Wake Forest College. After which a short session of the Sunday School and Publication Society was held in the First Church.

The Trustees of Wake Forest College held a meeting, at which a report was made from Elder James S. Purify as their General Agent, which was satisfactory, and his services continued. Elder Archibald McDowell of Milton, was elected a Trustee of the College, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Lewis Bond, Esq.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 18th, 1851.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened by reading a portion of the Sacred Scriptures, singing and prayer by Rev. Henry Keeling of Richmond, Va.

The President having announced that a number of copies of 'The Commercial' newspapers were sent to him for distribution among the members of the Convention,

On motion of Elder Dodson, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to Mr. Loring, the Editor for the same.

Elder Lewis DuPre of South Carolina, having been announced as present, was on motion, received and recognized as a correspondent from the South Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Elder Thomas W. Tobey submitted the following preamble and resolutions which, after a number of remarks in favor of them by different members, were read and *unanimously* adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother A. B. Cabaniss of Virginia, is expected under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention to visit the churches in our State, to solicit funds for the erection of a Mission House in Shanghai, China, for Elder M. T. Yates and his successors, Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention recommend Elder Cabaniss to the churches throughout the State, hoping that he will meet with a favorable reception. And be it further

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the Baptists in the State, to unite in the erection of a house in Shanghai, to be called "The North Carolina Baptist Mission House."

On motion of Elder David S. Williams,

Resolved, That Pastors of churches in our State be requested to preach on the subject of Foreign Missions, at as early a day as practicable to their respective churches, and take up public collections for the purpose of erecting the North Carolina Mission House in Shanghai in China—said collections to be forwarded *immediately* to Elder Thomas W. Tobey, Raleigh.

On motion of Elder J. J. James,

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the more extended circulation of the Baptist Preacher, published in the city of Richmond by Rev. H. Keeling, as a work of great excellence, and that the pastors use their influence to have the same taken by their members.

On motion of Elder J. J. James,

Resolved, That the subject of recommending a suitable Editor for the Recorder be referred to a select committee of five—committee to consist of Elders William Hooper, J. J. James, John B. White, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, B. Oliver, G. W. Huffham, and on motion, the President was added to the committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until half-past two o'clock P. M. Prayer by President John B. White.

HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

A letter was presented and read from the Pee Dee Association which was read, and with the exception of that portion in relation to inviting the meeting of the Convention at Wadesborough, was referred to the Board.

This letter informed the Convention that they had agreed to sustain brother M. Teague as a Beneficiary at Wake Forest College, and asked the re-appointment of Elder P. C. Connelly as their Missionary.

On motion of Elder J. P. Montague,

Resolved, That we endeavor as far as we may be able to place the Home and Foreign Journal, published in Richmond, Va., in every Baptist family within our bounds.

The Committee appointed in relation to the location of the Board of Managers, through Elder James S. Purify made a report recommending its continuance in Milton, which report was *unanimously* concurred in.

Elder J. J. James announced to the Convention, that at the recent meeting of the Union Association, they had resolved to become auxiliary to the Convention, when on motion of brother Nathaniel J. Palmer, it was

Resolved, That the Convention heartily receive and recognize them as such.

Elder David S. Williams from the Committee to nominate a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, reported the following:

Archibald McDowell,	Z. A. Patillo,
Rev. John L. Pritchard,	Richard A. Newhill,
John Kerr, Esq.,	William H. Kersey,
Hon. Calvin Graves,	President John B. White,
A. G. Stevens,	Rev. T. W. Tobey,
Augustin Timberlake,	Rev. William Hooper,
Thomas S. Yarbrough,	George W. Thompson,
Joseph J. Yarbrough,	Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw,
Rev. William T. Walters	Peyton A. Dunn, Esq.,
James M. Allen,	Isaac Winston, Esq.

On motion of Nathaniel J. Palmer, the Convention adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock. Prayer by Rev. William Hooper.

At night a general meeting was held on the subject of Education in the First Baptist Church.

The proceedings after singing by the choir, were opened with prayer by Elder John H. Lacy.

The meeting was then successively addressed by Dr. S. J. Wheeler, Rev. H. Minor of Goldsborough, Rev. A. B. Cabaniss of Virginia, and Rev. William Hooper, in a very appropriate and interesting manner.

After some remarks by Rev. James S. Purify, Agent of Wake Forest College, he made a proposition to be one of twenty to contribute five dollars each towards the education funds of the Convention, in aid of young men preparing for the ministry. The following list was obtained which, with contributions by the congregation made up the sum of one hundred dollars or more.

James S. Purify,	$5.	John P. Cook,	$5.
D. R. Wallace,	do.	N. J. Palmer,	do.
Benjamin Oliver,	do.	John P. Connelly,	do.
Isom Peterson,	do.	Dr. Dan'l DuPre,	do.
William Wright,	do.	B. Hallett.	do.
P. B. Burt,	do.	S. J. Faison,	do.
B. Mency,	do.	J. B. White,	do.
R. McDaniel,	do.	H. Lennon,	do.

After some remarks by Rev. J. B. White, the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Thomas W. Tobey and singing the christian doxology by the congregation.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1851.

At nine o'clock the Sabbath School pupils were addressed in an interesting manner by Rev. A. B. Cabaniss of Virginia, recently appointed Missionary to China.

At 11 o'clock A M., the Annual Missionary Sermon was preached in the First Baptist Church agreeable to appointment, by Elder Thomas W. Tobey of Raleigh, from Nehemiah 6th chapter, part of the 3d verse. "I am doing a great work."

At the conclusion of the sermon, which was listened to by a very large and attentive audience, a public collection in aid of the funds of the Convention was taken up amounting to fifty-two dollars or thereabouts.

At the same hour Elder Henry Keeling of Richmond, preached in the Orange street Baptist church. Sermons were also by invitation, preached by ministers of the Convention in the Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist Protestant churches, and public collections also taken up in aid of the funds of the Convention. Elder William Hooper preached in the First Church, and Elder A. B. Cabaniss in the Orange street, at 3 o'clock P. M.

At night a general meeting was held in the First Baptist Church on the subject of Home Missions. Elder McDaniel President of the Convention presiding.

The proceedings after music and singing by the choir, were opened with prayer by Elder J. G. Barkley.

The meeting was first addressed by Elder L. C. Hinton on the destitution of ministers in this State.

By Elder J. B. Solomon on the means of supply. By Elder William Hooper on the general subject, and by Elder J. J. James on the great need of Baptist preaching in different sections of the State.

Upon a proposition by Elder James S. Purify, ten persons united in a contribution of ten dollars each towards the support of Home Missions. Afterwards several individuals united in contributing five dollars each towards the same object. A large audience were in attendance who remained to a late hour. The exercises were closed by singing and the benediction.

List of money collected on Sunday night for Home Missions.

James S. Purify,		$10 00
William Hooper,		10 00
John B. White,		10 00
G. W. Huffham,		10 00
William Wright,		10 00
Mrs. McCullers,		10 00
Owen Fennel,		10 00
B. T. Mitchel,		10 00
Daniel DuPre,		10 00
G. R. French,		10 00
J. J. James,		5 00
Thomas W. Tobey,		5 00
Joseph Russel,		2 00
		$112 00
Unpaid.		
Miss —— Saunders,	10 00	
Miss Polly Swain,	5 00	15 00
		$127 00

MONDAY, October 20th, 1851.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened by reading portions of sacred Scripture, and prayer by Elder George W. Huffham.

The proceedings of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion Brother Rufus P. Jones was appointed assistant Secretary.

The report of the general Agent was called for, presented and read—and on motion of Elder R. I. Devin, accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Brother George R. French of Wilmington, presented to the Convention ten dollars, to aid some poor church in sustaining a Minister, which was handed over to the Treasurer, to be disposed of by the Board.

Brother N. J. Palmer offered the following *Resolution*, which was read and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That all of the Baptist churches in North Carolina, be and they are hereby earnestly requested to observe the monthly concert of prayer, for Missions on the first Sabbath or Monday evening in each month, and at the same time take up collections or receive contributions in aid of the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Pastor of churches, and our Missionaries urge this duty upon their brethren in their public ministrations.

Elder William Hooper from the Committee on relation to the general Agency made a report in favor of continuing the same, and recommending the employment of Elder William Jones, as the general Agent of the ensuing year, on the same terms as formerly, which report was concurred in by the Convention, and Elder William Jones re-appointed.

The Convention then proceeded to fix the time and place of the next meeting of the Convention, the towns of Smithfield and Wadesborough, being in nomination for the place of meeting. After remarks by sundry members, the Convention decided that its next session be held with the Baptist church in Smithfield, Johnson county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next, at 3 o'clock P. M. Elder James McDaniel to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder William Hooper, to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M. Elder J. J. James to be the alternate of the former, and Professor William T. Brooks of the latter.

On motion of brother Nathaniel J. Palmer, a committee was appointed to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Trustees of Wake Forest College. Messrs. Nathaniel J. Palmer, John B. White and Thomas W. Tobey to compose the committee, who reported the following:

Rev. John B. White,
Rev. Thomas W. Tobey,
Adolphus Jones, Esq.,
Rev. J. M. C. Breaker,
Rev. R. I. Devin,
A. M. Lewis, Esq.,
A J. Cansler, Esq.,
James M. Allen, Esq.,
George C. Stevenson, Esq.,
Thomas H. Williams, Esq.,
Dr. R. Eberr,
Edwin G. Reade, Esq.,
H. C. Strowd, Esq.,
John P. Rascoe, Esq.,
Noah Thompson, Esq.,
Samuel H. Canady, Esq.,
Rev. P. C. Connelly,
Dr. S. S. Satchwell,
Rev. L. Simmons,
Peyton A. Dunn, Esq.,

The report was adopted.

Elder William Hooper from the committee in relation to the Biblical Recorder made the following report, which was read and *unanimously* adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred for consideration the subject of "the Biblical Recorder," have embodied their Report in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That "the Biblical Recorder," by its long standing, its general circulation, and by the generous withdrawal of other similar papers from any division of public patronage, having become the admitted Organ of the Baptist Denomination in this State—it is still more important than ever before that it should be well supported and ably conducted.

Resolved 2ndly, That it would meet the wishes of this body, and we believ

of the patrons of the paper generally, that the Rev. T. W. Tobey should continue as the permanent Editor.

Resolved 3rdly, That if the Baptist public would now come forward and give to this periodical that liberal support and that faithful and punctual payment which its increased importance deserves and demands, we believe that the proprietor of the paper would be able to give to an Editor a suitable salary.

Resolved 4thly, That the thanks of the denomination generally are due to our esteemed brother, Rev. T. W. Tobey, for generously undertaking without any compensation the editorial labors of the paper, in the emergency produced by the loss of its late editor; but that a longer continuance of such gratuitous services could not be reasonably asked.

Resolved lastly, Therefore, That it would be highly satisfactory to this Convention, if the Proprietor of the paper could be enabled by its increased patronage to offer the present acting Editor such a compensation as would warrant him in devoting to it that attention which is essential to its usefulness and popularity. Respectfully submitted,

W. HOOPER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That it is expedient to appoint a standing committee of five who shall, in behalf of the Convention, receive any propositions from the Proprietor of the Recorder, and transact any other business relating to the interest of that publication, and report to the next Convention.

The following compose the Committee on the last resolution—*President* John B. White, Chairman, Nathaniel J. Palmer, James S. Purify, George W. Thompson and J. McDaniel.

The Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, Elder J. J. James, Vice President, presiding; and its proceedings were opened after singing and prayer by Elder Lewis DuPre.

The following resolutions were submitted by brother Nathaniel J. Palmer and adopted.

Resolved, That Pastors of churches and others be and they are hereby earnestly requested during the ensuing year to perform voluntary agencies in collecting funds for the Convention, and report to its Board or Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Board of the Convention issue a circular to each Pastor, Clerk or prominent members of the churches on this subject.

On motion of Elder John B. White, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Convention be published in part in pamphlet form as an extra Recorder, for distribution by mail, and five hundred copies in the usual manner.

Brother G. Lewis from the Committee of Finance made a report which was received and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

SPECIAL CHANGES.

Elder A. P. Repiton from the Committee on Special Changes made the following report which was read and adopted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes:

The Committee on Special Changes beg leave to report, That since about the time of our last annual meeting, our esteemed brethren, Rev. Thomas Meredith, Rev. George M. Thompson, Rev. Steven Guy and Deacon Lewis Bond, active members of this body and brethren whose praise was in all the churches, have been transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant.

So limited a reference to the works of faith, and labors of love, and patience of hope, of these servants of the most high God, as might consist with these minutes, would necessarily be a very inadequate delineation of their usefulness and worth. Their lives are parts of the history of the denomination in this State and in the world.

The triumphant departure of our brethren, who have served their day and generation, we gratefully, submissively, reverentially record as parts of the proceedings of Him in whose sight we rejoice to know, that the death of His saints is precious. All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. PAUL REPITON, *Chairman.*

On motion of Elder Thomas W. Tobey,

Resolved, Unanimously that the thanks of the Convention be, and they are hereby tended to the brethren and citizens of Wilmington, for their marked kindness and hospitality extended to its members and others during its session amongst them.

On motion of Elder James S. Purify,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the several Rail Road Companies, and other public conveyances for the facilities afforded the members and visitors to the Convention.

On motion of Elder T. W. Tobey,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention, be also tendered to the Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches, for the use of their houses of worship, kindly tendered to the Convention during its session.

On motion of Elder William Jones,

Ordered, That the Recording Secretary of this Convention be allowed fifty dollars for his services the past year, and that the Treasurer pay the same.

The Convention then took a recess until after the meeting in the church at early candle-light, on the subject of Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At early candle-light, a meeting of the members of the Convention, and others assembled in the First Baptist church, to listen to addresses from Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, late Missionary to China, and Elder A. B. Cabaniss recently appointed Missionary to that country.

The exercises were opened by singing by the Choir, and prayer by President White of Wake Forest College.

The meeting was first addressed by Elder Tobey, who exhibited several of the heathen Gods worshiped by the people of China, and a number of small articles of their manufacture. He spoke in an interesting manner of their rites, customs, religion &c.

Elder Cabaniss followed with an interesting address on the subject of

Foreign Missions, and the importance of the mission connected with that people.

During the services the Choir sang the missionary hymn,

"From Greenland's icy mountains," &c.

The services were peculiarly interesting, and elicited the marked attention of all present.

CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION.

MONDAY NIGHT, Oct. 20th, 1851.

The members of the Convention assembled immediately after the close of the meeting on Foreign Missions, and was opened with prayer by Elder H. McAlpin.

On motion, it was

Resolved unanimously. That the thanks of the Convention be and they are hereby tendered to Elder James McDaniel, the President for the faithful and able manner with which he has presided over its deliberations.

Elder McDaniel responded to this sentiment of the Convention in a very feeling and appropriate manner, thanking the members for their attendance and bidding them an affectionate farewell.

Interesting and affecting remarks were also made by President White, Elders Lewis DuPre, Thomas W. Tobey, J. J. James, and brethren Nathaniel J. Palmer and Dr. Daniel DuPre.

Elder Lewis DuPre led in prayer. The closing hymn "Blest be he tie that binds," was then sung by the members, when amidst the deepest feelings evidenced by the flowing tears, the benediction was pronounced and the Convention adjourned *sine die*. Next session to be held with the Baptist church in Smithfield, Johnston county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1852.

JAMES McDANIEL, *President*.

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Secretary*.

RUFUS P. JONES, *Assistant Sec.*

Appendix.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

MILTON, N. C., October 10th, 1851.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, close their labors for the present Conventional year, by submitting this their Annual Report:—

The pleasures of this duty would be heightened, if the means placed at the disposal of the Board would have enabled them instead of curtailing the Domestic Missionary operations of the Convention, to have enlarged them, commensurate with the demands in various portions of our beloved State for Missionaries to supply the great destitution, which the repeated calls made upon them, so abundantly prove to exist. Fearful of involving the Convention in liabilities, which it would, perhaps, take years to meet, the Board have restricted the number of their appointments, and the amount appropriated towards the support of their Missionaries.

DOMESTIC MISSIONARIES OF THE CONVENTION.

The Board immediately after their appointment, held a session at Louisburg, the place of meeting, of the last Convention, and made the following appointments; most of them relying upon their field of labor for their support: to wit: Elder William C. Patterson, was appointed a Missionary to labor within the bounds of the Sandy Creek Association—Elder P. C. Connelly in the Pee Dee Association—Elder Richard Jacks in the Yadkin Association—Elder P. H. Smith in the Tar River Association—Elder J. B. Soloman for the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville and neighborhood of Red Plains in Surry.—Elder Thomas Miller to preach at Harper's school-house, in Davidson county—Elder J. G. Barkley for the towns of Tarborough, Greenville and Washington—and Elder Henry Speight for the counties of Tyrrel and Washington.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board in Milton, Elder S. P. Smith was appointed a Missionary to labor within the bounds of the Briar Creek Association—Elder Elias Dodson in the Beulah Association—

Elder William N. Hereford in the Liberty Association—Elder J. S. Lee of Virginia, to preach at Wentworth, in Rockingham county—Elder John H. Lacy in Greenboro—and Elder John Robertson in the counties of Stokes, Rockingham, Forsyth and Guilford.

These with the recent appointment of Elder Robert B. Jones, of Person county, to labor in the valley of the Catawba, including the towns of Lincolnton, Newton and Dallas, embrace all the Missionary appointments made by the Board the past year.

From Elders Barkley, Connelly, Soloman, P. H. Smith, Robertson, Dodson and S. P. Smith, up to the time of writing this communication, reports have only been received. The Board have unofficial accounts that others have been engaged in Missionary labors, but from some cause their reports, so much desired, have not been forwarded, or if forwarded not received.

So far as reports have been received from our Missionaries, they are of the most satisfactory character, and give evidence of great devotion, zeal and self-denial in the performance of their duties.

The report of Elder Soloman in regard to his interesting and important field of labor, is of the most cheering character. In his last communication, he informed the Board, that circumstances rendered it necessary that he should decline a further appointment, as our Missionary at the end of the present term, and of the necessity of appointing in due time a successor. The Board have therefore been on the look-out for a suitable individual to succeed him in his field of labor.

The Board have regretted that during the most of the past year, they have lost the services of Elder Wade Hill, who has been for several years acting as the joint missionary of the Convention and the "Broad River Society, for the spread of the Gospel." He having accepted calls for Pastoral duties, resigned his post as Missionary.—But while they have thus been deprived of his active and efficient services, the results of his labors have been apparent in a rich harvest of many precious souls, who have been converted within the last two of three months, in the region of country in which he preached, and wher. other voluntary Missionaries or Evangelists have been induced to labor The out-pouring of the Spirit of God in that section of the State is without a parallel in the history of the times, upwards of five hundred persons having been added to the Baptist church by baptism in the course of a few weeks, besides many who have doubtless connected themselves with other denominations.

The Board in view of the repeated calls and the urgent necess.ty for ncreased ministerial aid, in that important portion of the State,[1] at a pecial meeting held in August, appointed Elder Robert B. Jon es, a Missionary to labor for the remainder of the present year, as their Missionary. Brother Jones immediately accepted of the appointment, and aving been regularly ordained by the Presbytery of the Beulah Association, then about to convene, repaired to his field of labor, and from nformation derived from our Special Agent has been well received, and prosecuting his mission with commendable zeal and success.

With a view of enabling the Board to have increased means for extending its Missionary operations, and to enable the Convention at an early day to meet all of its outstanding pecuniary responsibilities, they directed a circular to be issued to all the Pastors and churches, requesting that a simultaneous effort should be made at their monthly meetings in the month of September, to raise funds by public collections, subscriptions, or contributions to be forwarded to the ensuing meeting of the Convention. How far this most reasonable and necessary request has been complied with, the Board have not now the means of knowing, but they fear that, as on former occasions, it has been treated with cold neglect. How those who profess to love the cause of our dear Redeemer, can be so indifferent in regard to the interests of an institution of their church, which has been so abundantly blessed of the Lord, and which has been so instrumental in building up the Baptist cause, which they all profess to love, is a matter of astonishment to the Board, and awakens in their bosoms the deepest regret. In view of their responsibilities as laborers and co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord, is it not time that Pastors, Deacons and other members should awaken to a sense of their obligations to the cause of their Heavenly Master, and the interests of the church militant on earth? Let us hope for the future that the necessary calls of the Board will not remain unheeded.

SPECIAL AGENCY.

In the month of July last, Elder John H. Lacy, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, was requested to visit as many of the Associations, Missionary Circuits and stations as he could, previous to the meeting of the Convention, also to represent the Board at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Western Baptist Convention, to meet in the county of Macon. Elder Lacy accepted the Agency, and in the month of August last, entered upon its duties. For information as to how he has discharged this important trust, we would refer to his report which accompanies this communication.

Inasmuch as the Western Convention was instituted upon the recommendation of your body and is auxiliary to it in its objects, the Board deem it of the utmost importance that a regular correspondence should be kept up with it. This assurance was given them at the time of their organization.

AGENT OF THE CONVENTION.

The Reports of Elder William Jones, the Agent of the Convention, so far as they have been received, show a falling off in the amounts of his receipts and subscriptions, in behalf of the Convention. The Board indulge the hope, that his closing report will exhibit a more cheering account of his success, and that under the influence of his efforts the churches and the Associations will be stimulated to send up to the Convention, an increased amount of contributions to its funds. The Board do not find in this result any evidence of less effort, on the part of the General Agent, but attribute it to the desire of the churches and

Associations to send up their funds through their own delegations.

With a view of diverting the expenses of a General Agency, which is considerable, to the support of an increased number of faithful Missionaries, the Board would respectfully recommend for the ensuing year, a discontinuance of the office of General Agent, and recommend that each pastor of a church connected with the Convention, or within its bounds, be constituted a Special Agent of the Convention, authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and contributions in aid of its funds, and once or oftener during the year, at the monthly or protracted meetings, to take up a public collection for the same object.—Also that all of our missionaries shall likewise act as Special Agents for the collections of funds, and to make due returns thereof in their Quarterly Reports.

Voluntary Agents it is to be hoped, would be found among the ministers belonging to each Association, who would in the course of the year be found willing to spend one month or more in visiting the churches and individual members, explaining the objects of the Convention and urging them forward in its support. Surely the luxury of thus doing good would more than compensate them for the temporary sacrifice of time and labor.

In this recommendation we have a precedent and successful example in the General Association of Virginia, which body has for several years dispensed with a General Agent, not only without detriment to its interests, but with increased means of extended Missionary operations.

Let the responsibility of aiding this noble institution of our church rest in all its force on the Pastors and churches, and we doubt not, they will meet it as becomes Christians and Philanthropists.

The Board desire to be distinctly understood, that in making this recommendation, they are not reflecting in the slightest degree upon the present Agents, whose services have been highly appreciated and quite successful, they only wish to test the experiment recommended, as a matter of economical policy.

The Board would further suggest that every Association should follow the example of the Beulah, in having their Missionary recognized by the Board, and their annual report would then exhibit the amount and results of the Missionary labor performed by the Baptists of North Carolina. This can in no wise be considered as any infringement of the rights and privileges of the Associations, but would entitle them to increased representation in the Convention.

BENEFICIARIES.

At the Annual Commencement of Wake Forest College, in the month of June last, brother John C. Averitt who has been for sometime pursuing his studies as a Beneficiary at that Institution, graduated with distinguished credit, and has since located in the town of Pittsborough, where he is engaged in teaching school and supplying the church

there, (for sometime destitute) with the preached gospel. Brother Moses Baldwin, of Randolph—B. J. Hackney, of Chatham—Elijah F. Beecham, of Camden—and Benson F. Cole, of Orange,—licentiates of their respective churches, are now pursuing their studies as Beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, preparatory to active service in the ministry, and the reports of the Faculty testify to their commendable industry and application, as well as their christian deportment.

In view of the great destitution in our State and the demands for an enlightened ministry at the present time, the Board would gladly embrace the means of increasing the number of those who are preparing to go forth as teachers of righteousness.

The Board would recommend to those who are aided by the Convention in obtaining an education, to devote sometime to Missionary labor as a means of doing much good, and affording a very suitable preparation for the important office of Pastors of our churches. The practice of some in leaving our State immediately after getting through their studies, when their labor in the ministry is so much demanded at home, to say the least of it, is greatly detrimental to the Baptist cause in North Carolina.

EDUCATION.

Wake Forest College continues in a flourishing condition, and is already realizing the anticipations of its most sanguine friends. Every year gives increased evidence of the foresight and wisdom of those who were the early pioneers in its foundation. Its present position and character is indeed grateful to the just pride of every Baptist in our State, and North Carolina might with great propriety follow the example of some of her sister States in extending to it aid from her literary fund, as an institution (though under the patronage of our denomination, not otherwise sectarian in its character) eminently useful in raising up those who are to be the instructors of her youth—fit patterns for their moral training and the qualified principals in her primary schools.

The exercises at the last Commencement satisfied the numerous and highly respectable auditory in attendance, that the proficiency of its pupils was inferior to no institution in the State, and their deportment of the most commendable character.

The Board indulge the hope that the efforts now being made for its permanent endowment, will meet with the favor of their brethren and friends of Education throughout the State, and this object so much desired, will be soon effected. Preparatory schools should be early established within the bounds of each Association.

The recommendation of the Convention at the last session in regard to a Female College at Oxford, led to a meeting of those friendly to the object—the nomination of a Board of Trustees—the procurement of a suitable charter from our State Legislature, and the location and successful establishment of the institution, in the beautiful village of Oxford, in the county of Granville. A location considering its healthfulness—the

high character of its citizens and their interest in its success—its convenience and accessibility from every portion of the State, renders its selection peculiarly fortunate, and with a corps of competent instructors gives the strongest assurance of complete success. The college is already in successful operation, under the Presidency of Rev. Samuel Wait, D. D., (formerly President of Wake Forest College) aided by well qualified assistants in the different Departments.

There is no good reason why the same efforts should not be made thoroughly, to educate our daughters as well as our sons, their influence upon the rising generation will be potent for good or evil. The Board are rejoiced to find that the subject of Female Education is receiving increased attention, and the Murfreesborough Female Collegiate Institute, Sedgwick Female Seminary at Raleigh, the Rockford Female Institute, and other Female Institutions established in different parts of the State, are now being filled with pupils and sustaining a high character for their educational facilities, and the competency of their instructors. We ardently hope their number may be increased and their usefulness exnteded. The Baptists of North Carolina can no longer say, that we have not schools of our own, worthy their confidence and patronage. The necessity does not now exist of sending our sons and daughters to Pedo-baptist schools, where they will be taught, as many have been, to repudiate the religion of their fathers and mothers. Let every Baptist therefore feel that his own character, the interest of his church, the cause of truth, and the union and harmony of his or her family, depend upon sustaining their *own* Institutions. While we shall (as the advocates of education) be friendly to, and admire the zeal of other denominations in behalf of their own institutions, let us not be neglectful of our own. Also remember that the higher our position in society or the church, the more salutary will be our example in this particular

The Baptists of North Carolina have it fully in their power to sustain all of their own schools now in existence, and as many more. Let them then be careful that this means of perpetuating our influence, and our influence to do good shall not be neglected.

There are many of our brethren and sisters, who are blessed with ample means, and there are none connected to them who have any just claims on their bounty, or if there be such, still have the ability to provide for them, and do something liberal for the cause of education.—Let such in making their bequests or donations, remember that in providing a fund for the education of the rising generations, they are perpetuating their usefulness for all time to come, and will cause thousands to rise up and call them blessed, and their noble investments will yield a rich dividend years after they have gone to rest. The endowment of a professorship in either of our Colleges will most effectually embalm the memory of the donor in the affections of those who come after them.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Owing in some degree to the manifest destitution in our State, and the fact that no Agent of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern

Baptist Convention, has for any length of time been laboring in our bounds, the Baptists of North Carolina, have done less for Foreign Missions, than those of most of her sister States. We are nevertheless not insensible to the importance of sustaining this branch of our benevolent operations. The Board would gladly see the contributions for this good object greatly increased, and the example of the Raleigh Association, in sustaining a Missionary in China, followed by every other body of like character and means in the State. There is already evidence that at least another (the Chowan) will follow her noble example. The Foreign Board of the Southern Convention are anxious to increase the number of their Missionaries in China and Africa, and to establish new Missions in Mexico, and the Republics of South America.

In the success of our Home Mission efforts, we will find the means of increased interest in the Foreign Mission enterprize. When our people experience in their own bosoms the blessings and benefits of the preached gospel, there will spontaneously arise therefrom an anxious and ardent desire to send the Heralds of the Cross to others, who have never heard the glad tidings of a Saviour's love.

Efforts are now being made to supply Elder Matthew T. Yates and wife (the only Missionaries of the Baptists of North Carolina in Foreign lands,) with the means of building for themselves and successors a suitable dwelling house at Shanghai, in China. We hope they will be entirely successful. Let it not be said that the fifty thousand Baptists in this State, will not raise the required amount, to insure this necessary object.

The Board regret that the monthly Concert for prayer and contributions in behalf of Foreign and Domestic Missions so strongly urged by our State, as well as the Southern Baptist Convention, has not been generally attended to. We hope for the future this wise recommendation will not be neglected. As the monetary affairs of our State were never in a more prosperous condition, the Board indulge the hope that this condition of earthly prosperity will be marked by increased benefactions to the cause of benevolence, and that all our institutions will receive their wanted support.

BAPTIST PERIODICALS.

Since the last session of the Convention, the death of Elder Thomas Meredith, the able and efficient editor of the Biblical Recorder, then anticipated from his greatly impaired health, has taken place. His long connection with and able management of that paper, generally regarded as the organ of our denomination in North Carolina, induced our brethren to look to its continuance, under the control of a suitable successor, as an object of no small importance. The widow of the deceased Editor, by the kind assistance of friends, was enabled to continue its publication, and Elder Thomas W. Tobey the esteemed Pastor of the Baptist church in Raleigh, to undertake the task of becoming its editor.

The Board have every reason to believe that this arrangement met with the hearty concurrence of the brethren thoughout the State. Elder James McDaniel of Wilmington, and Elder C. R. Hendrickson of Elizabeth City, each of whom were engaged in the publicaction of Baptist newspapers, and receiving a handsome patronage, with a kindness and liberality, as well as a desire for union and harmony, worthy of all praise, relinquished their publications, and so far as they could transfered their lists of subscribers to the Recorder, which may now be justly termed the Baptist organ of the State. It will remain with the Convention to adopt such measures in regard to its continuance in this character, as to them may seem meet and proper.

As the Organ of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board cannot too highly recommend to its general support, by the Baptist of this State, the "Home and Foreign Mission Journal," published in Richmond, Virginia. Its cheapness and the diminished rates of postage, places it in the power of every Baptist to become its reader.

Every Baptist Missionary, Pastor, Deacon and Clerk of a church, should consider themselves as the Agents for these Periodicals, and as they regard the best interests of their church and the cause of Zion, lend their aid to their general circulation.

The Board would also earnestly recommend, to the support of their brethren the Baptist Preacher, published in the City of Richmond, by the Rev. H. Keeling, as an excellent work.

CONCLUSION.

The Board have been more extended in their remarks and suggestions on each subject, in consequence of a resolution adopted at the last session of the Convention, requesting them in their Annual Report, to give "such information in relation to each object of the Convention, as will supercede the necessity of having reports from committees, specially appointed on these subjects." They hope that their suggestions or recommendations will be received in the same spirit in which they are made, and that other commendable objects overlooked by them will not be lost sight of by the Convention. Let it be the purpose of all, to do what good they can, and to use the proper means to carry out successfully our objects. The success of our past efforts should encourage or stimulate us to renewed exertions, remembering that we should all work while it is called to-day, for the night of death will come when none can work.

That the great head of the Church, will preside over all of your deliberations, and crown your measures with abundant success, is the sincere prayer of your Executive Board.

ARCHIBALD McDOWELL, *Chairman.*

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer*, *In account with* B. S. CONVENION, 1851, DR.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
To balance on hand last year,			97 02	97 02
Olive Branch,	1 50	4 75	3 75	10
Cashie,	20 00			20
Capehart's Miss. Society,	10 00			10
Carthlege's Creek,	6 00	2 00	2 00	10
Spring Hill,		30 00		30
Hillsboro by J. H. Lacy,	16 50			16 50
Western Convention by J. H. Lacy,		25 06	1 75	26 81
Collect'n Mass Meeting Friday night,			102 00	102
" " " Saturday night,	112 00			112
Committee of Finance,	138 80	117 50	55 00	311 30
Col. Juv. S. School, Wilmington,		2 85		2 85
Collected by J. G. Barkley,	10 00			10
Beulah Association,	225 00			225
Hillsboro by A. D. Blackwood,	35 00			35
A. D. Blackwood on Bessent's pledge of $100,	15 00			15
L. Simmons on do.,	10 00			10
William Jones, Agent,	416 64	370 49	435 23	1222 36
Cape Fear Association,	339 00			339
Union Association,	1100 00			1100
Raleigh Association for M. T. Yates,		603 83		603 83
" " " Chinese Bible,		15 15		15 15
Ross' church,		10 00		10
	2455 44	1181 63	696 75	4333 82
CREDITS.				
Paid H. K. Ellyson for printing Minutes,	44 00	44 74	44 00	132 74
" A. D. Blackwood H. M. in full 1851,	110 00			110
" N. J. Palmer Secretary's services '50,	16 00	17 00	17 00	50
T. W. Tobey H. M. Raleigh, 1850,	100 00			100
J. J. James, Agent, 1850,	10 00	12 00	10 00	32
Samuel Wait H. M., Louisburg,	50 00			50
J. B. Solomon H. M., 1851,	150 00			150
W. T. Brooks, Board of J. C. Averett and E. F. Beachum in full, '51,			116 00	116
F. B. Ryan, Board of B. F. Cole, '51,			80 00	80
R. Jacks H. M., in full, 1850,	60 00			60
J. G. Barkley H. M., in full, 1851,	46 15			46 15
Beulah Association,	225 00			225
N. J. Palmer, Secretary, 1851,	16 00	17 00	17 00	50
John H. Lacy, Special Agent, 1851,		43 31		43 31
N. J. Palmer for stationery, 1851,	1 00	1 25	1 00	3 25
William Jones, General Agent, 1851,	160 00	160 00	160 00	480
W. Jones, Board of M. Bawlding '51,			40 00	40
	988 15	295 30	485 00	1768 45

Amount brought over,	988 14	295 30	485 00	1768 45
A. Thomas, Treas. F. M. B., from R. Association,		603 83		603 83
A. Thomas, do., for Chinese Bible,		15 15		15 15
A. Thomas, do.,		269 35		269 35
Cape Fear Association, H. M., labor,	339 00			339
Union Association, " "	1100 00			1100
J. B. White, Treas. W. F. College, for tuition of M. Baldwin, J. C. Averett, E. Beachum, B. Cole, B. J. Hackney, in full, 1851,			189 50	189 50
J. Robertson H. M., in part, 1851,	28 29			28 29
	2455 44	1181 68	674 50	4311 57
Balance on hand 1851,			22 25	22 25
			696 75	4333 82

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

WILLIAM T. BROOKS, *Auditor.*

The amount from the Tar River, Pee Dee, and Sandy Creek Associations for Home Missions, did not reach the Treasurer, and consequently is not included in this report. J. S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

Report of General Agent.

Since my last annual report, myself and family have enjoyed almost entirely uninterrupted health. Immediately after our last convention, I visited a portion of the Flat River and Tar River Associations. From thence I went into the bounds of the Union Association. Owing to the freshets and storms in this part of the State, I was unable to affect so much as was anxiously desired. After spending as much time as my limits would allow in this interesting portion of our State, I passed into the bounds of the Chowan Association. This body takes the lead in benevolent operations, besides supplying their own destitution and making arrangements to sustain a Missionary in China, they continue to enlarge their bounty, for the objects of the Convention. From the Chowan I passed up through the Tar River into the middle portion of the State, passed thence into the Cape Fear Association. Among the brethren composing this body, I found firm and decided friends of our operations, as their contributions will show.

In the counties of Richmond, Montgomery, Randolph, Chatham and Orange, great scarcity prevails, the result of the drought, both in '50

and '51. Notwithstanding this, something was accomplished. I operated next in the Flat River Association, so as to be at their annual meeting. These brethren are doing more the present, than any former year. This bids fair to be an enlightened and efficient body. I passed next through the Beulah Association, and was with them in their session. In addition to sustaining their home operations, and contributing to a special Agent, I obtained three Life Members in addition to many smaller sums. My plan of operations has been as of former years, to induce churches to make their Pastors Life members, and solicit others to become such themselves. In this way considerable has been accomplished the present year. Owing to the great scarcity and high price of provisions, I obtained a long list in smaller subscriptions. Nearly all the appointments of Missionaries were made, they relying on their field of labor for their salary. When this is taken into consideration, and the amount placed by the side of the present contributions, it will be seen that considerably more has been done in the State the present year, than has ever been accomplished before during one year. I have obtained the subscriptions which will entitle 41 individuals to Life membership in all. For the Education department $1010.06 1-2. The Home Mission department $739.97 1-2. For Foreign Mission department $462.82 1-2—making a total of 2212.86. Of this amount in cash for Education $247.23 1-3. For Home Missions $266.14 1-2. For Foreign $262.49 1-2—making in cash for this year $775.87 1-3.

On subscription for 1850, for Education $178.00; Home $150.50; Foreign $108.00 —making $436.50. For '49 for Education $10.00, making a total in cash of $1222.37 1-3.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM JONES, *Agent.*

The following are entitled to certificates of Life Membership, 1850. —Joseph B. Outlaw, Ann L. Pope, Delana High, Elder C. R. Hendrickson, Charles W. Skinner, David Furlow, Rebecca Blount, Martha Blount, Lockey Simmons, Elizabeth Washington, Susan W. Graham, Elder Archibald McDowell, Elder John H. Lacy, M. D. Martin Douglas, R. W. Lawson, Elder P. C. Connelly, Elder William C. Patterson, Elder Aaron Jones, William Hooper, LL. D., D. B. F. Williams, Elder N. A. Purify, Elder James McDaniel, Elder David Wells.

This list was sent with my last year's report for publication, but did not reach in time. The following individuals are also entitled to certificates, on this year's subscription. Lucy Plummer, Catharine White, Elder Samuel Wait, D. D., Mary Ann Metts, Elder Jordan H. Cobb, Elder Haynes Lennon.

P. S. Travelled more than four thousand miles, preached seventy sermons, held prayer meetings, &c., baptized seven individuals, assisted in administering the Lord's Supper three times, and in Ordination of Ministers twice. W. J.

Report of Special Agent.

To the Board of Managers North Carolina Bap. State Convention,

Dear Brethren :—Since the meeting of Beulah Association, I have spent six weeks in the service of the Board. I was at the meeting of the Western Convention, and met with a cordial reception by that body. The brethren were much pleased to receive correspondence from the Board, and their kindness and brotherly love have erected a *monument* to their memory, which will never be destroyed, and I may add, that if the brethern generally knew the pleasure of a mountain trip, it would be difficult to keep them from going. Their next annual meeting will be held at Cane Creek, near the road leading from Asheville to the Hickory Nut Gap, four miles from the place last named, commencing on Friday after the fourth Sabbath in August, 1852. I received of them thirty dollars to constitute Elder M. Rickman a life member of the State Convention of North Carolina. More funds were collected which will be sent on from the next meeting of their Board. I also visited brother Robert B. Jones, Missionary to the valley of the Catawba, with whom I spent a week. He has an interesting field of labor, and is preaching with acceptance and success. The Board will do well to continue his appointment.

From Lincolnton, I passed into the field of brother J. B. Solomon, which is truly an important section and *must* not be given up. The brethren and friends expressed deepest regret that they could no longer enjoy the efficient and acceptable services of brother Solomon, and are very anxious to have an acceptable minister to settle with them. I have preached sixteen sermons, travelled 712 miles, collected $44.50, paid for expenses $11.62. JOHN H. LACY.

October 1st, 1851.

To the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, convened in Wilmington.

Dear Brethren :—I regret that existing circumstances put it out of my power to be with you, at your present meeting. The yearly meeting of your body, I regard as an interesting anniversary. Circumstances, connected with the history of the past, will keep alive an interest in the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, till my latest breath. I hope your present meeting will be a pleasant one ; and one, the deliberations and doings of which, will have a most favorable bearing on all the objects contemplated in your constitution.

But, my main design in this communication, is to ask your attention to a few things that I should be happy to state to you, could I make one of your number.

The most of the friends who may attend this meeting of the Convention, have probably been informed that efforts are now being made to rear up a Female College in Oxford, Granville county, North Carolina. Our charter was obtained of the last Legislature. Owing to circumstances not under the control of the Trustees, our college did not go into operation, till the 21st of July last. The present session will close on the 19th of December next, and the following session will commence on the 2nd Monday in January. The Trustees have just resolved to erect, forthwith, another building 30 by 50 feet, two stories high, besides the basement. It is intended to have this building completed in the month of January. Besides this, the main college edifice will be under contract, at no distant day.

Our prospects for the future, are all that could be reasonably expected. No one has ever visited Oxford without being delighted with the beauty of its situation. It is not only a *pleasant* location, but it is distinguished for *health*. *It has an interesting community*. After having had some opportunity to form an acquaintance with North Carolina, I give it as my deliberate opinion, that a better location for our college, could not have been found in the State. And, in addition to this, I will just remark, that no pains will he spared on the part of the Trustees, to keep the institution supplied with adequate instruction.

It is gratifying to the founders and supporters of this Seminary, to know that the subject of *female education* is now receiving so large an amount of public attention. They rejoice in the success of every other institution, devoted to this noble enterprise. They wish to be regarded as *friends* and *fellow laborers* with all those engaged in a work similar to their own.

It has occurred to me that, possibly, some might be present in the Convention who would be glad of an opportunity of sending their daughters to a healthy and pleasant situation, to carry on their course of study.

A young lady whose health might be quite imperfect as low down the county as Wilmington, would do well, one would suppose, to try the effect of a change of residence. To all such we would say, *come to Oxford.*

Not deeming it proper to ask your attention to a *large* communication, I close by referring you for farther information to brethren James, Devin and Palmer. All these brethren are intimately acquainted with this institution, and can give in detail, such information as may be desired. Very respectfully yours, SAMUEL WAIT.

OXFORD FEMALE COLLEGE, October 8th, 1851.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE N. C. BAP. STATE CONVENTION.

The Board of Managers for the present year, met in the First Baptist Church on this evening, immediately after a sermon by Dr. Hooper. Elder James McDaniel, the President, in the chair.

On application, the Board appointed Elder Richard Jacks Missionary to travel in the bounds of the Yadkin Association for the ensuing year, they agreeing to provide for his support.

Elder P. C. Connelly by request, was re-appointed a Missionary for the Yadkin Association on the same terms, and to include in his field of labor the town of Wadesborough, in Anson county.

Elders Elias Dodson and John Robertson were appointed Missionaries for the Beulah Association, one of them to preach statedly in the town of Greensborough, the Association to provide for their support.

Orders were directed to be issued on the Treasurer for the payment of the Missionaries employed the past year, according to terms stipulated by the Board. Also in favor of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Union Association, according to an appropriation made at the meeting of the Board, during the Convention in October, 1850.

Elder J. G. Barkley was appointed a Missionary of the Board, to the towns of Greenville in Pitt, and Tarborough in Edgecomb county, and to preach in the town of Washington, relying upon his field of labor for his support.

Elder P. H. Smith was appointed a Missionary, to travel within the bounds of the Tar River Association, relying upon his field of labor for his support.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, Elder John H. Lacy was appointed a Missionary of the Board, to preach statedly in the towns of Salisbury and Mocksville, and also at Red Plains, in Surry county.

On motion, Elder W. C. Patterson is re-appointed a Missionary for the Sandy Creek Association, on the same conditions as last year.

On motion, Elder William Jones, the General Agent of the Convention, was authorized to have certificates of Life Membership printed to be issued to those entitled to the same. Also to Life Directors.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the money borrowed by him, for the use of the Convent ion in paying its Missionaries.

The remaining business referred to the Board at Milton.

The Board then adjourned with the benediction by the President.

JAMES McDANIEL, *President.*

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

MILTON, October 29th, 1851.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, met at the office of the Recording Secretary, in Milton, on Saturday evening 25th of October, 1851.

Elder Archibald McDowell, Chairman of the Board the past year, took the chair and called the Board to order, and its proceedings were opened with prayer by brother James M. Allen.

On motion, Elder McDowell was re-appointed Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Secretary read the resolution adopted at the late session of the Convention, authorizing and directing the Board to issue a Circular to the pastors and other prominent members of the churches throughout the State, for the purpose of engaging them in voluntary agencies in behalf of the Convention, so as to raise funds to meet its present liabilities and provide the means of increased Missionary labor.

On motion of Elder John H. Lacy, a committee of three members was directed to be appointed for that purpose. The Chairman appointed Elder Lacy and brethren Palmer and Allen, on the Committee.

On motion, Elder William N. Hereford was appointed a Missionary of the Board, for the counties of Guilford, Randolph and Alamance, he relying upon his field of labor for his support, and authorized to collect funds for that purpose, and report to the Board.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to write to Elder Robert B. Jones, Missionary to the valley of the Catawba, in relation to the contrivance of his appointment in that field of labor.

There being no farther business before the Board, on motion, they adjourned to meet in Milton again on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November next. N. J. PALMER, *Rec. Secr'y.*

N. B. Missionaries appointed by the Board, will please notify the Secretary of their acceptance or non-acceptance of their appointments.

The Board are anxious that a missionary should be appointed to travel within the bounds of each Association throughout the State, during the ensuing year: nothing but their limited means prevents the consummation of this object. They believe that their brethren and friends could easily sustain one or more to labor amongst them. If, therefore, the Moderator and other active brethren in each Association, would unite and recommend some one as their missionary, and resolve that they will sustain him, it will afford the Board great pleasure to make the appointment, and they doubt not from the experience of the past, that the most happy results will follow. A missionary visiting statedly all of the churches within the bounds of the Association, serves as a connecting link to bind them together, and renders most efficient aid to the pastors, and serves as a supply to otherwise destitute churches.

N. J. PALMER.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance make the following Report:

October, 1851.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Pee Dee Association,	7 75	7 00	7 00	21 75
Greenville,	36 15			36 15
Fayetteville church, ($13 paid to W. Jones,)	8 00			8
Orange Street,	10 00			10
Conoconary,	10 00			10
Newbern,		20 00		20
Union Association,		7 00		7
Juv. Miss. Society, Wilmington,		13 00		13
Tar River Association,	14 62	13 00	13 00	40 62
Louisburg,	10 00			10
Wake Forest,			10 00	10
Sabbath collection at all the churches,	25 93	25 00	25 00	75 93
Beulah Association,		32 50		32 50
Edenton,	10 00			10
Milton,	5 00			5
Mr. Mitchell,	1 35			1 35
	138 80	117 50	55 00	311 30

JAMES C. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

NORTH CAROLINA

BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

FRIDAY EVENING, October 17th, 1851.

This Society held its anniversary meeting in the First Baptist church immediately after a sermon by Rev. L. C. Hinton, Nathaniel J. Palmer the President, in the Chair.

On motion, in the absence of the Secretary, Rev. J. P. Montague was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

On motion, a Committee was appointed consisting of Elders Thomas W. Tobey, C. W. Bessent and Benjamin Oliver, to propose a union of this Society with the Bible Society, and to be called the North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society.

A Report was presented from Elder J. P. Montague, late Agent of the Society, which was accepted.

There being no further business presented for the action of the Society, it adjourned subject to the call of the President. Benediction by Rev. T. W. Tobey.

N. J. PALMER, *President.*

J. P. MONTAGUE, *Secretary pro tem.*

N. B. The proposed union having been formed with the Bible Society, no further meeting of this Society was held, it being understood that its books and funds would be handed over to the new Society.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

WILMINGTON, N. C., October 18th, 1851.

This Society held its anniversary meeting in the First Baptist church, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Elder J. J. James the President, took the chair and called the Society to order, and its proceedings were opened after singing an appropriate hymn, reading a portion of the Sacred Scriptures, and prayer by Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, of Raleigh.

In the absence of the Secretary, N. J. Palmer, Esq., of Milton, was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The Annual Report was presented and read by Elder R. I. Devin of Oxford, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, which was received and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Elder Thomas W. Tobey from a Committee of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, made a proposition for a union of that Society with this, and presenting a draft of a Constitution for that purpose, when on motion, the proposition was received and agreed *to unanimously.*

On motion, the Board of the Society was located at Wake Forest College.

On motion, a Committee of three were appointed to nominate the Officers and Board of Managers. Elders T. W. Tobey, R. I. Devin and John H. Lacy, were appointed on the Committee.

On a motion, a Committee of two were appointed to receive the names of members and contributions to the Society. Messrs. J. P. Montague and C. W. Bessent, were appointed to compose this Committee.

The Society was addressed in an interesting manner, by Rev. Elias Dodson of the Beulah Association.

George R. French, Esq., of Wilmington, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was seconded, and after remarks by N. J Palmer, Esq., Rev. James S. Purify, Rev. Elias Dodson, Rev. J. P. Montague, C. D. Ellis, Esq., and Rev. H. Minor, when they were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the circulation of the Sacred Scriptures and the publications of our denomination, are intimately connected with the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom. Therefore, *Resolved*, that a more general co-operation of the Church's aid throughout the State, is an object ardently desired in promoting the objects of this organization.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That a more extensive circulation of the Bible and of Religious Books and Tracts, and the establishment of Sabbath Schools in every church and neighborhood, are subjects of the utmost importance and worthy of our united and zealous efforts.

Rev. T. W. Tobey, from the Committee appointed to nominate Officers and a Board of Managers for the Society, reported the following:

REV. JOSHUA J. JAMES, President.

Rev. William H. Jordan, Rev. J. B. White and Hamilton Hester, Esq., Vice Presidents.

H. C. Strowd, Esq., Treasurer.

Rev. Wm. T. Walters, Recording Secretary.

Professor Wm. T. Brooks, Corresponding Secretary.

Board of Managers located at Wake Forest College.—Rev. J. S. Purify, S. S. Biddle, Dr. William M. Crenshaw, N. J. Palmer, Isaac Winston, Esq., Rev. A. D. Blackwood, B. J. Lea, Rev. Samuel Wait, John Kerr, Esq., Rev. Wm. Jones, B. W. Justice, Adolphus G. Jones, Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, Rev. R. I. Devin, Willie J. Palmer, E. F. Beechum, Moses Baldwin, Benson F. Cole and B. J. Hackney.

On motion it was

Resolved, That each of the Life Members of the former Society, be considered Life Members of this Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer and Agents of the Publication and Sunday School Society and of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, be requested to hand over the books, money and effects, of those Societies to the appropriate officers of this Society.

On motion, the remaining business of the Society, was committed to the Board of Managers.

The Constitution and proceedings of this meeting were directed to be published with the proceedings of the Convention.

On motion, the Society adjourned, after prayer by President White, of Wake Forest College. J. J. JAMES, *President.*

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary pro tem.*

List of new Members by the contribution of one dollar each.

J. S. Purify,	E. R. Coward,
J. B. White,	James McDaniel,
T. W. Tobey,	J. J. James,
Mrs. H. Bell,	C. W. Bessent,
Miss F. Montague,	N. Stanland,
L. C. Hinton,	Benjamin Oliver,
N. J. Palmer,	G. W. Huffham,
G. R. French,	John H. Lacy,
C. D. Ellis,	A. P. Repiton,
F. A. Graham,	Mrs. Margaret Parham.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

As the organ of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, I would most respectfully beg leave to submit their annual report. We regret to state that so little has been done during the past year in the great and good work of extending the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

Rev. J. P. Montague has acted as distributing Agent about one

month, during which time he sold $35.15 worth of Bibles and Testaments, and distributed gratuitously 15 Bibles and 25 Testaments, besides others have aided in circulating the Bible, but we are unable to report precisely the amount done to supply the destitute with the word of God.

Since the last annual meeting of this Society, a debt of $171.29 has been paid, which was then due to the A. and F. Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments purchased a short time previous by this Society.

We are now entirely free from debt, with some 30 or 40 dollars' worth of Bibles on hand and $38.18 1-2 in the Treasury.

The following is the Treasurer's report:

Ballance in hand October 22d, 1850,	$101 22½
Amount received from Finance Committee Oct. 1850,	84 10
" " " D. Justice for China,	2 00
" " " Rev. J. J. James for China,	5 00
" " " Flat River B. Society,	21 20
" " " Rev. J. P. Montague,	25 00
" " " Sale of Bibles,	6 82
	$245 34½

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Cash paid Rev. T. Meredith for printing the proceedings,	$10 00	
" " for China distribution	22 00	
" " Bill for Freight and Commissions,	2 78	
Amount of draft forwarded to the A. and F. Bible Soc.,	171 29	
Premium on draft,	96	
Postage,	13	207 16
Balance in hand,		$ 38 18½

The amount in hand will be paid to the order of the Society and the book and papers handed over to my successor or to the Board.—Please accept this as my letter of resignation, and while I surrender to you the interests of the Society, I trust that under the guidance of Heaven your labors in this glorious cause will be crowned with great success. Yours in the bonds of christian love,

R. I. DEVIN, *Cor. Sec. and Treasurer.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE AND BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the North Carolina Bible and Publication Society, and shall be auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

Art. 2. The objects of the Society shall be to extend the circulation of the Word of God, and of Religious Books and Publications, published under the patronage of our denomination. Also to encourage the establishment of Sabbath Schools and Sabbath School Libraries.

Art. 3. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor and Depository Agent, who shall be elected or appointed annually.

Art. 4. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Intermediate meetings of the Society, may be called by the President or two of the Vice Presidents.

Art. 5. Any person may become a member of the Society by the payment of one dollar annually—by the payment of ten dollars at one time, a Life Member—and by the payment of twenty-five dollars by a member of the Baptist church a Life Director, and each Baptist church or Auxiliary Society shall be entitled to a delegation in the annual meetings of the Society, for every three dollars sent up.

Art. 6. Auxiliary Societies or churches contributing to the funds of the Society, shall receive one half the amount back in books.

Art. 7. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of twenty members, with the officers of the Society to be appointed annually.

Art. 8. Any Auxiliary Society will be recognized as such, upon sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of their Constitution and list of officers.

Art. 9. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Society and disburse them as the Society or Board of Managers may direct, and shall make an annual report to the Society of the state of its funds, and the Depository Agent shall keep the Books and Publications of the Society, and dispose of them as the Board of Managers may direct.

Art. 10. The Society shall at each Annual Meeting appoint one or more persons to deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, at the next anniversary.

Art. 11. The Society or Board of Managers shall have power to appoint one or more Agents, and fix their compensation.

Art. 12. The proceedings of the Society shall be annually published with the proceedings of the Convention, at the expense of the Society.

FORM OF AN AUXILIARY

To the North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the Bible and Baptist Publication Society of church or town, the object of which shall be the encouragement of the circulation of Bibles, religious books and tracts, and the establishment of one or more Sabbath schools and libraries.

Art. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society, and its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, with a Board of nine Managers, who shall be elected annually.

Art. 3. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary shall record its proceedings; the Treasurer receive, keep, and disburse its funds, according to the order of the Society; and the Librarian shall have charge of the Library.

Art. 4. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the parent State Society, one half to be returned in books at cost prices, and the other half devoted to the aid of destitute Sabbath schools and neighborhoods.

Art. 5. The Society shall meet annually, or oftener, at the call of one or more of its presiding officers. At the annual meetings, some one shall be selected to address the Society, or preach a sermon before it.

Art. 6. Any person may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its funds, or a life member, by the contribution at one time, of the sum of ten dollars.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Wilmington, Oct. 20th, 1851.

At a meeting of those friendly to the formation of a Baptist Education Society held at the first Baptist church, on motion,

Rev. David S. Williams was called to the Chair, and Rufus P. Jones appointed Secretary.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. James McDaniel of Wilmington.

N. J. Palmer stated the objects of the meeting, and presented the form of a Constitution for the Society, which on motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, Esq.,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draw up a Constitution, for the Society—Committee appointed, consisting of N. J. Palmer, Rev. J. McDaniel, Rev. J. J. James. Bro. Palmer from the Convention presented, and read a Constitution and by-laws, which on motion of Rev. W. Jones adopted.

On motion a Committee was appointed to nominate Officers of the Society, with a Board of Managers, who reported the following:

Rev. J. B. WHITE, of Wake Forest College, President.
Hon. Thomas Settle, John Kerr, Esq'r, and Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq'r, Vice Presidents.
J. F. Jordan, Esq'r, of Raleigh, Recording Secretary.
Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, of Raleigh, Corresponding Secretary.
W. W. Vass, of Raleigh, Treasurer.
P. F. Pescud, of Raleigh, Auditor.

Board of Managers, located in Raleigh, N. C.—Rev. James S. Purify, Adolphus G. Jones, Daniel Dupre Sen., J. J. Biggs, George W. Thompson, Rev. Wm. T. Brooks, Rev. William T. Walters, Rev. James C. Marcom, Rev. William Hooper LL. D., Rev A. D. Blackwood, Rev. J. J. James, Rev. D. S. Williams, Rev. James McDaniel, Rufus P. Jones, Professor Wm. H. Owen, Rev. A. McDowell, M. B. Royster, James D. Nunn, Walter B. Moore, William Ballenger.

The report was unanimously adopted by the Society.

On motion of N. J. Palmer of Milton,

Resolved, That the endowment of Wake Forest College, and the investment

of a permanent fund for the Education of young Ministers licensed by their churches to preach the Gospel is an object of the utmost importance to the Baptists of North Carolina.

On motion, Rev. James S. Purify general Agent of Wake Forest College, was requested to act as Agent of this Society, in procuring subscriptions with the names of Annual and Life members.

On motion, the Constitution of this Society, with the proceedings of this meeting were directed to be published with the Proceedings of the Convention.

On motion the Society then adjourned to give place to the meeting of the Convention. Its next meeting to be held at, Wake Forest College, on the evening preceeding the next Annual Commencement of that Institution. The Board of Managers to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

DAVID S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

RUFUS P. JONES, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be denominated the North Carolina Baptist Education Society.

ART. 2. The objects of this Society shall be to aid in raising a fund for the endowment of Wake Forest College and the promotion of the cause of Education, particularly among the Baptist denomination in this State.

ART. 3. The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, who with a board of twenty other individuals, shall constitute a Board of Managers, to conduct the business of the Society in the intervals of its meetings; and they shall be annually appointed.

ART. 4. The Board of Managers shall be located at Raleigh, but may adjourn to meet at other places. Five members shall constitute a quorum to do business.

ART. 5. The Society shall hold its annual meetings with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and an extra meeting at each annual Commencement of Wake Forest College, and the President or two of the Vice Presidents shall have power to call other meetings of the Society.

ART. 6. Any person by the contribution of one dollar annually may become a member of the Society, and by the contribution of twenty dollars or more become a Life Member of the Society.

ART. 7. At each annual meeting of the Society some one or more competent individuals shall be appointed to address the Society at the next annual meeting, and at the meeting at Wake Forest College some one shall likewise be appointed to address the Society at its next meeting at that place, and the President or Board of Managers may make other appointments or fill the places of those that decline.

ART. 8. The Society or the Board of Managers may appoint one or more Agents and fix their compensation, and give them the necessary instructions.

ART. 9. The Treasurer shall safely keep the funds of the Society and disburse them and invest them as the Society or Board of Managers may direct, and shall annually or oftener as they may direct, make a full report of the state of the finances in his hands or that may be *invested*.

ART. 10. The By-laws and Rules of Decorum adopted by the Convention shall govern the Society so far as they are applicable.

ART. 11. The President, or in his absence the senior Vice President, shall preside at the meetings of the Society; and if neither be present, the Society shall appoint a President *pro tempore*.

ART. 12. In the meetings of the Board of Managers the President or one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside; and if neither be present, they shall appoint a Chairman.

ART. 13. The foregoing Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

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N. J. PALMER, *Sec'y.*

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N. B. By the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly incorporating the Board of Trustees, absence from their meetings for three years vacates the seat of a member. Hence the alterations that have from time to time been made.

Proceedings.

SMITHFIELD, N. C., October 14th, 1852.

The members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, met at the Baptist Church in this place agreeable to the adjournment of the last meeting, to hold their twenty-third anniversary meeting.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Elder James McDaniel of Fayetteville, took the chair and called the Convention to order, and the proceedings were opened by reading the 52 chapter of Isaiah by the President. Prayer by Rev. J. J. James of Caswell. J. H. Lacy was appointed Secretary *pro tem*, R. I Devin Assistant Secretary.

The list of Associations, Churches, and other religious bodies auxiliary to the Convention, were then called by the assistant Secretary, when it appeared they were represented as follows:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Beulah—Elders J. J. James, E. Dodson, J. H. Lacy, and brethren Wm. M. Faulkner, N. J. Palmer and Bedford Brown.
Brier Creek—No delegate.
Chowan—No delegate.
Cape Fear—G. W. Hill.
Flat River—James P. Montague and H. Hester.
Jefferson—No delegate.
Liberty—No delegate.
Pee Dee—Elder A. D. Blackwood.
Raleigh—W. J. Palmer, R. P. Jones, John P. Robinson, William T. Brooks and J. B. White.
Pamlico—No delegate.
Tar River—B. D. Rice.
Union—Elder H. Minor.
Smithfield Church—D. H. Holland.
Sandy Creek—No delegate.
Catawba—No delegate.
Yadkin—No delegate.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Elders J. McDaniel, J. H. Lacy, Wm. S. Ballenger, S. S. Biddle, R. McDaniel, Isaac Winston, Elders James S. Purify and T. W. Tobey.

CHURCHES.

Milton—Elder J. H. Lacy, N. J. Palmer.
Raleigh—R. McCullers, John King, D. Perkinson.
Mars Hill.
Trinity—Elder J. H. Lacy.
Louisburg—G. Lewis.
Wake Forest—T. Slade.
Grassy Creek—T. Hester, John Amis.
Oxford—R. I. Devin.
Island Creek.
Mount Pleasant—R. I. Devin.
Orange Street, Wilmington.
Salisbury.
Wilmington—Elder W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, L. Tyrrell.
Brassfield's.
New-Berne.
Fayetteville—P. Taylor, W. B. Shemwell, T. Underwood.
Cedar Creek.
Cartliges' Chapel.
Spring Hill.
Juvenile Missionary Society, Fayetteville—J. M. Beasley.
Olive Branch—J. C. Bumpass.
Wake Union—William Crenshaw.
New Bethel—M. McCullers.
Tarborough—Elder Mark Bennett.
Ellis's Church—Henry Pitt.
Conoconary Church—Elder J. G. Barkley.
Blackwood's Chapel—A. D. Blackwood.
Concord—E. Dalby.
New Hope—W. R. Trawick, R. J. Ivey.
Wake Union—I. Winston.
Smithfield—Thos. Lockhart.
Shady Hill—J. P. Montague.
Friendship—D. S. Williams, Isaac S. Williams.
Hepzibah—Daniel Scarborough, C. Horton.
Cross Roads—N. P. Strickland.
Hester's—Z. M. P. Downey, J. A. Satterwhite.
Mount Zion—John Meadows.
R. McDaniel L. M. by his subscription.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of President. Elders Williams and Blackwood acting as tellers, who reported that Elder James McDaniel of Wilmington, was unanimously elected. Elder McDaniel having been conducted to the chair by brethren Williams and Blackwood, made his acknowledgements to the body in an appropriate speech.

On motion of Elder Tobey, the remaining officers of the Convention were re-elected.

On motion, a Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of A. D. Blackwood, D. S Williams, I. Winston.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of the Smithfield church were made a Committee to arrange religious services.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to arrange the business of the Convention, consisting of Elders James, Lacy, Devin, Tobey, to which, on motion, the President was added.

On motion of Elder Devin, it was ordered that a full list of names of Life Members be published with the Minutes.

On motion of Elder Tobey, a Committee was appointed to prepare a list of the names and post-offices of Baptist ministers in the State, for publication in the Minutes. Elders Tobey, Dodson and Montague were appointed on the committee.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Prayer by Elder Tobey.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the Conventional Sermon was delivered by Elder James McDaniel of Fayetteville, from Isa. 40: 9.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and the proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder Devin. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The roll was called and additional delegates enrolled.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were then read by the assistant Secretary.

On motion, delegates from corresponding bodies were invited to seats with us.

A letter from a friend in Edgecombe was read and referred to the Board.

Report of Committee for arrangement of business, was read and received.

A communication from South Carolina State Convention was read, and the Moderator requested to respond to it.

The report of Board of Managers was read and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

On motion of Elder James, a Committee of three was appointed to report on the Agency of the Convention.

Elders Jordan, Williams and White were appointed.

On motion of Elder Devin, a Committee was raised to nominate a new Board. The committee consisting of E. Dodson, C. D. Ellis and J. M. Beasley.

On motion of Elder Thomas W. Tobey, the Board was located at Milton.

On motion, Elders Thomas W. Tobey, and J. J. James, and brother R. P. Jones, were appointed to arrange for a mass meeting on education.

On motion of Elder James, a Committee was appointed on Special Changes, consisting of Elder William Hill Jordan, L. Carroll and P. Taylor.

On motion of Elder Jordan, a Committee of three was appointed on Periodicals. Elders James, Devin and Montague, constitute the committee.

On motion of Elder Lacy, a Committee was appointed on Foreign Missions. The committee consists of Elder Thomas W. Tobey, W. J. Palmer, Thomas Hester.

On motion of Elder James, it was

Resolved, To have mass meetings on Foreign and Home Missions.

The committee to arrange for the former, consists of J. B. Jackson, Isaac Winston, W. R. Trawick.

The Committee for Home Missions, Elder D. S. Williams, T. Slade, E. Dalby.

On motion of Elder James, a Committee was appointed to designate a place for the next meeting of the Convention. Elder Devin, Rufus J. Ivey, W. B. Shemwell.

The use of the Methodist church having been kindly tendered, it was on motion,

Resolved unanimously, That we cordially accept the use of the church, and return our thanks for the same.

On motion of Elder Tobey, the Cor. Sec. was directed to respond to the communication from the Western Baptist Convention.

Delegates to corresponding bodies were called on to report, when Elder James, messenger to the South Carolina Convention, and Elder Tobey, messenger to the General Association of Virginia, gave interesting accounts of the meetings of the bodies which they visited.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to receive the monies due on the books of the late Agent of the Convention.

The committee consists of Elder D. S. Williams, C. D. Ellis and J. Amis.

The Convention then proceeded to appoint correspondents to State Conventions and Associations as follows:

To South Carolina Convention—Elder A. D. Blackwood, E. David, Elder J. J. James, Elder William Hill Jordan.

To the General Association of Virginia, to meet in Fredericksburg on Friday before the first Lord's day in June, 1853—Elders Thomas W. Tobey, R. I. Devin, Elias Dodson, John H. Lacy, brethren Nathaniel J. Palmer, J. M. Allen and Poindexter S. Henson.

To the Western Convention—Nathaniel J. Palmer, W. J. Palmer, R. P. Jones, W. R. Trawick, Rufus J. Ivey, T. Slade, Elder James McDaniel.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention meet at 9 A. M. and adjourn at 12; meet at half-past 2 and adjourn at 5, P. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. B. Jackson.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder J. G. Barkley.

Elder Thomas W. Tobey brought to the attention of the Convention, a resolution adopted at the last session of the Western Baptist Convention of North Carolina, in relation to the course of the Biblical Recorder towards a newspaper published in the town of Asheville, N. C., entitled the "North Carolina Baptist," when after remarks by different brethren, it was referred to the Corresponding Secretary to embrace this matter in the letter of correspondence directed to be written to them.

Elder Mark Bennett appeared and took his seat as a delegate from the church at Tarborough; brother Henry Pitt as a delegate from Ellis's Church in Edgecombe; and Elder J. G. Barkley from the Conoconary Church.

The Convention proceeded to select the place for its next annual meeting.

Elder Devin from the committee appointed on that subject, reported in favor of its meeting at Yanceyville.

Elder Bennett proposed that the meeting should be held in Tarborough. After a free interchange of views on the subject by different brethren, the Convention *unanimously* agreed to hold its next session with the Baptist church in Tarborough, N. C.

On motion, Elder John H. Lacy was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon—Elder R. I. Devin his alternate; and Elder J. J. James was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath—Elder D. S. Williams his alternate.

The following additional delegates appeared and took their seats:

From Olive Branch—James C. Bumpass.

Raleigh Church—G. M. L. Finch.

Raleigh Association—Professor William T. Brooks and President John B. White from Wake Forest College.

Elder William Hill Jordan from the Committee on Special Changes submitted the following report, which being read, was *unanimously* adopted.

Since our last Convention it has pleased the Sovereign Ruler of Heaven and earth to call from their toil on earth, as we trust, to their rest in heaven, Elder William Jones, the indefatigable and efficient Agent of our Convention, and brother Z. A. Patillo, a licentiate minister of the church at Yanceyville and member of the Board. We therefore recommend for the adoption of the Convention, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we bow with submission, as it becomes us to do, to the sovereign will of a righteous God in the death of our brethren William Jones and Z. A. Patillo, we mourn the loss of those brethren. We affection-

ately cherish their memory, and tenderly sympathize with their families and friends in their afflictive bereavement.

Resolved, That we entertain a lively sense of the value of the services of brother Jones, as the devoted and successful Agent of our Convention; that we affectionately remember him as our most pious and useful brother while living, and cherish an affectionate and lively sense of his worth, now that he is no more.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the widow and family of our departed brother, and that we tender to them our affectionate condolence, and that we commend them in our prayers to the God of the widow and the orphan.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. JORDAN, *Chairm'n.*

At the suggestion of the President of the Convention, Elder Jordan led in prayer in reference to the solemn events embraced in the above report.

Elder J. B. Jackson from the committee in relation to a mass meeting on the subject of Foreign Missions, made a report which was received and adopted.

Elder D. S. Williams from the committee in reference to a mass meeting on the subject of Home Missions, made a report which was received and adopted.

Elder Thomas W. Tobey from the committee in relation to holding a mass meeting on the subject of Foreign Missions, made a report which was received and adopted.

A communication was received and read from the Baptist church in Smithfield in relation to brother William B. Jones, a licentiate of that church, and recommending him as a Beneficiary of the Convention at Wake Forest College.

On motion, this communication was for the present laid on the table.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock. Prayer by Elder Mark Bennett, and benediction by the President.

At early candle light, a general meeting was held in the Baptist church on the subject of Domestic Missions, Elder James McDaniel, the President of the Convention, presiding. The meeting was opened after singing an appropriate hymn, and prayer by Elder A. D. Blackwood.

The meeting was then successively addressed by Elders Blackwood, Devin, Lacy, Dodson, Montague, and brother N. J. Palmer. The Missionary and other appropriate hymns were sung by the congregation during the exercises.

On a proposition being made by brother N. J. Palmer to be one of twenty to raise one hundred dollars by subscription of five dollars each in aid of the Home Mission fund, the same was responded to by a sufficient number to raise the desired amount. Other contributions were made by the congregation.

The meeting adjourned at a late hour with the benediction of the President.

Elder Dodson preached in the afternoon in the Methodist church.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after reading a portion of the sacred Scriptures and prayer by Professor William T. Brooks, of Wake Forest College.

The list of delegates were called, and proceedings of yesterday read by the Secretary.

The President of the Convention introduced brother George W. Parks from the Southern Baptist book concern at Charleston, South Carolina, who was invited to take a seat in the Convention.

The President presented a letter from Elder H. Lennon, Moderator of the Cape Fear Association, recommending brother George W. Hill, a licentiate of Pleasant Plain church; recommending him as a beneficiary of the Convention at Wake Forest College, which was read, and with the letter from the Smithfield church in relation to brother William B. Jones, was referred to the Board.

Elder J. B. Jackson from the committee to arrange the religious exercises for to-day and to-morrow, made a report which was received.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, a Committee of three was appointed to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Baltimore in May next. Committee to consist of William T. Brooks, John B. White and G. M. L. Finch.

Elder Elias Dodson from the committee appointed to nominate a Board of Managers, made a report recommending the following:

Elder Archibald McDowell,	John Kerr, Esq.,
Hon. Calvin Graves,	A. G. Stevens,
James M. Allen,	Elder Elias Dodson,
Augustin Timberlake,	William M. Faulkner,
Joseph J. Yarbrough,	Elder William T. Walters,
Poindexter S. Henson,	George W. Thompson,
Dr. J. J. Boswell,	Peyton A. Dunn,
Richard Newbill,	Isaac Winston,
William H. Kersey,	Dr. William M. Crenshaw,
Elder William Hill Jordan,	Elder R. I. Devin.

Elder Thomas W. Tobey, life member by a subscription of one hundred dollars.

The report was unanimously adopted by the Convention.

On motion of Elder Thomas W. Tobey, a Committee was appointed to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College. Elder Thomas W. Tobey, J. J. James and S. S. Biddle, were appointed on that committee.

Brother Nathaniel J. Palmer submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That each of the Baptist Associations in North Carolina, be and they are hereby respectfully requested to establish Preparatory Schools to Wake Forest College, and report the same to the Convention.

The resolution was advocated by the mover, Elders Dodson, Barkley, Tobey, Devin, Montague, D. S. Williams, and brethren Winston, when the Resolution was *unanimously* adopted.

Elder J. J. James submitted the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Female Colleges and Schools under the influence and patronage of our denomination have been established, and are now in successful operation in different parts of the State, therefore

Resolved, That our brethren and friends be and they are hereby earnestly requested to encourage these institutions by sending their daughters and wards to them, and aiding in their endowment.

The resolution was advocated by the mover and Elders Tobey, D. S. Williams and brother G. M. L. Finch, when the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Brother S. S. Biddle from the committee to nominate suitable persons to be appointed to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, reported the following:

Elder Thomas W. Tobey,	T. H. Williams,
R. I. Devin,	J. P. Rascoe.
A. J. Cansler,	L. Simmons,
James M. Allen,	P. M. Powell,
William Hill Jordan,	A. J. Spivey,
Dr. H. W. Montague,	J. M. Brewer.

The report was adopted.

Professor William T. Brooks from the committee appointed to nominate delegates to the Biennial Session of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Baltimore in May next, reported the following:

Rev. James McDaniel,	William Hooper, D. D.,
J. J. James,	Rev. R. I. Devin,
William H. Jordan,	Col. S. S. Biddle,
Thomas W. Tobey,	G. M. L. Finch,
John H. Lacy,	Nathaniel J. Palmer.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the delegates therein named appointed.

On motion of brother Nathaniel J. Palmer, the Convention adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock, so as to give place to the annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Bible and Publication Society. Prayer by Elder John B. White.

There were services in the Methodist church in the forenoon conducted by Elder John H. Lacy, and in the afternoon by Elder H. Minor.

At night a general meeting was held in the Baptist church in reference to the education of young men to the ministry, and the endowment of Wake Forest College. The President of the Convention presiding.

The services after singing an appropriate hymn, were opened with prayer by Elder James S. Purify of Wake Forest.

The meeting was addressed successively by Elders Mark Bennett, William H. Jordan, President John B. White, of Wake Forest College, Elder James S. Purify and J. B. Jackson.

Upon a proposition being made by Elder Purify to be one of twenty to raise one hundred dollars by subscriptions of five dollars each, the

same was responded to by the following individuals:—Elias Dodson, Mark Bennett, Nathaniel J. Palmer, J. B. Jackson, Mrs. Moore, J. M. Beasley, J. M. Patterson, William M. Faulkner, Mrs. Sarah Norcott, H. C. Strowd, Mrs. Guy, William Hill Jordan, H. G. Owen, W. H. McCullers, Isaac Winston, R. Ivey, J. J. James, S. S. Biddle, B. D. Rice.

The meeting was further addressed by Elders Elias Dodson, J. J. James and Professor William T. Brooks. A proposition being made by Elder Dodson to raise fifteen thousand dollars or more, to endow a professorship in Wake Forest College, by subscriptions of one hundred dollars payable in three annual instalments, commencing on the 25th of December, 1853. This proposition was responded to by ten individuals, making the sum of one thousand dollars. It is expected that this measure will be carried out by the friends of the college throughout the State.

The meeting was one of much interest, and adjourned at a late hour with singing the christian doxology, and benediction by the President.

SUNDAY, October 17th, 1852.

At nine o'clock a Conventional prayer meeting was held in the Baptist church, conducted by the Secretary of the Convention. Interesting accounts were given of the work of God in their respective fields of labor, by Elders Blackwood, Barkley, Tobey and Devin. Elder Bennett and brother G. M. L. Finch led in prayer.

At eleven o'clock the Conventional Sermon was preached in the Baptist church, by Professor William T. Brooks of Wake Forest College, from Isaiah 16th chapter, 1st verse.

A public collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Convention—$14 28 cts.

At the same hour, Rev. William Hill Jordan preached in the Methodist church, and a public collection for the same object taken up there, which united with the other made the sum of $40 33 cts. Elders A. D. Blackwood and J. P. Montague, preached to the colored people in the Academy.

In the afternoon the Rev. James McDaniel preached in the Methodist church, and the Rev. J. J. James in the Baptist church. In the former there was much feeling manifested at the close of the meeting, and a number presented themselves for the prayers of the people of God.

At night agreeable to appointment, a general meeting was held in the Baptist church on the subject of Foreign Missions, conducted by Elder McDaniel.

The exercises were opened after reading a portion of the sacred Scriptures; singing and prayer by Rev. G. M. L. Finch of Raleigh.

Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, late Missionary to China, then addressed the meeting on the subject of Foreign Missions generally. He was followed by Rev. J. J. James, who urged with much force the importance

of awakening a deeper interest among the members of our churches in the missionary enterprize. He was followed by President John B. White, as to the best means of promoting the cause of missions and the missionary spirit. The attendance was quite large, and all seemed to feel much interest in the importance of the cause, which for the time claimed their attention.

The following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the present favorable state of things, in the various nations of Heathendom, we feel called upon to put forth the most strenuous efforts, to advance the cause of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That we consider the vast increase in the tide of Chinese immigration to our shores an indication of the intention of our Heavenly Father speedily to give to his Son the Heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession, and we deem it incumbent upon us, not to permit any of these Chinese to say with truth, "No man careth for my soul."

Resolved, That our brethren in Europe, who have been, and still are suffering for having dared to preach the gospel of Christ, shall receive our warmest sympathies and our earnest prayers.

Resolved, That we cannot understand the nature of that Christianity, which permits its professor to know that the heathen are perishing and yet prompts him to use no effort to effect their conversion, nor have we any sympathy with such a spirit.

Resolved, That we will not suffer any apparent want of success in our Missions, to diminish our zeal, or cause us to slacken our efforts to benefit the unhappy and benighted heathen.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after reading a portion of the Scriptures, and singing and prayer by Elder H. Minor.

Elder D. S. Williams from the Committee of Finance, made a report which, after being committed for some alterations or additions, was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, the public collections taken up on yesterday amounting to the sum of $40 33 cents, be equally divided between Home Missions and Education.

Elder R. I. Devin from the committee on Publications and Periodicals, made the following report which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Periodicals, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Biblical Recorder be and the same is hereby most earnestly commended to the patronage of our brethren and friends throughout the State, and that our Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons of churches are requested to act as voluntary Agents for the same.

Resolved, That the Home and Foreign Journal published in the city of Richmond, be and the same is also commended to the support of our brethren.

R. I. DEVIN, *Chairman.*

A letter from Elder T. Stradley, Sr., of the Western Baptist Con-

vention, was presented by the Secretary and read, and the same referred to the Board of the Baptist Bible and Publication Society.

Elder William Hill Jordan from the committee on the Agency, made a report recommending the employment of a General Agent for the Convention, which was adopted and the appointment of the General Agent referred to the Board.

Elder D. S. Williams from the committee in relation to the subscription books of the late Agent, made a report which was received and adopted, and the book of the Agent directed to be handed over to the Treasurer of the Convention.

Brother Nathaniel J. Palmer submitted the following preamble and resolutions which were read, and being advocated by the mover and Elder Elias Dodson, were *unanimously* adopted.

In view of the importance of the monthly concert of prayer in behalf of Domestic and Foreign Missions with regular contributions in their behalf;

Resolved, By this Convention that our churches be and they are hereby most earnestly requested to observe the same on the first Sunday or Monday evening in each month, not only as an evidence of their interest in this great cause, but as a means of grace and of blessings to themselves.

Resolved, That Pastors and Ministers ought to urge this matter in their public ministrations.

On motion of the same

Resolved, That each Baptist Association within the bounds of the Convention, is hereby affectionately requested to report annually to the Convention or its Board at Milton, the amount of missionary labor performed within their bounds, so that the same may be embraced in their annual report.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary write to each of the Clerks of the Associations, urging a compliance with the above request.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the mistake in the report of the Committee of Finance, be referred to the Treasurer and Auditor.

On motion of Elder Thomas W. Tobey,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Smithfield and its vicinity, for their great kindness and hospitality extended to them and their friends attending this meeting.

Resolved also, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the authorities of the town of Smithfield, for the measures adopted by them to prevent the exhibitions of the travelling Circus Company during the session of the Convention.

On motion of Elder J. J. James,

In view of the demoralizing evils resulting from Circus exhibitions throughout the State,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to memorialize the Legislature of North Carolina on the subject of *putting* down the evil in that way which to them may seem best.

On motion of Elder D. S. Williams,

Ordered, That the Secretary be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services as Secretary of the Convention and of the Board at Milton, during the past year.

On motion of Elder J. J. James,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention have one thousand copies of the Minutes of the Convention printed in pamphlet form and distributed, one half to the Associations at the expense of the Convention, and that the same be also published in the Biblical Recorder.

On motion of Elder John B. White,

Resolved, That all of the unfinished business of the Convention be referred to the Board.

On motion of Elder J. J. James,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Convention be and they are hereby tendered to Elder James McDaniel the President thereof, for the able and impartial manner with which he has discharged the duties of his appointment.

The Convention then agreed to adjourn *sine die*.

The President then delivered a short, but feeling address to the members, and after singing the parting hymn and prayer by Elder J. B. White, the Convention adjourned.

The next session to be held with the Baptist Church in Tarborough, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1853.

JAMES McDANIEL, *President*.

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Secretary*.

R. I. DEVIN, *Assistant Secretary*.

On the last day of the Convention there was preaching in the Methodist church by Rev. R. I. Devin, and the closing sermon in the Baptist church at night, by Rev. A. D. Blackwood.

Appendix.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.*

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of missionaries within the limits of the State; and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated, agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such institutions as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association or individual shall be entitled to send to the Convention one delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. Any regular member of the Baptist Church, by contributing at one time, the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he or she continues a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he or she belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, may become a life member of the Board of Managers, upon the same conditions.

ART. 7. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor, who, with twenty others, shall constitute a Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, to preside in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Secretaries shall be required to discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the

the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes. The duty of the Auditor will be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Art. 9. The Board of Managers shall meet quarterly or oftener, at such time and place as they shall, from time to time, designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 10. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 11. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, at such time and place as it shall direct.

Art. 12. The Convention shall require of its Board a full report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

Art. 13. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the President on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking

across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7. The names of members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair or Secretary, before debated.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

A List of the Missionaries of the Convention with their P. Offices.

Elder J. J. James,	Charlotte.	Elias Dodson,	Yanceyville.
Richard H. Griffith,	Mocksville.	James A. Moore,	Tarborough.
Robert B. Jones,	Bunker Hill.	Stinceon Ivey,	Madison.
J. B. Jackson,	Smithfield.	A. Abernathy.	

Proceedings of the Board.

AT SMITHFIELD, N. C.

The newly elected Board of the Convention met at the Baptist church in Smithfield, on Monday evening at 3 o'clock.

Present—Elder James McDaniel, *President*, D. S. Williams, J. J. James, J. S. Purify, R. I. Devin, Nathaniel J. Palmer, Elias Dodson, William H. Jordan.

A quorum being present, the proceedings of the Board were opened with prayer by Elder J. S. Purify.

On motion of Elder D. S. Williams, Elder J. B. Jackson was appointed a Missionary to travel in the county of Johnson for twelve months, the Board pledging themselves to pay one hundred dollars towards his salary if necessary.

On motion, Elder Elias Dodson was appointed Missionary to travel within the bounds of the Beulah Association for twelve months, the said Association pledging themselves for his support.

A letter was received, which was referred to the Board of the Convention, in relation to brother George W. Hill, an ordained minister of Pleasant Plains church in the county of Columbus, N. C., becoming a beneficiary of the Convention. Brother Hill was examined by the President of the Board in relation to his Christian experience, calls to the ministry, &c. On account of the want of funds in our educational department, the case of brother Hill was referred to the Cape Fear Association, with which he is connected, with the hope that they will give him the required aid in obtaining an education.

A letter from the Smithfield Baptist church recommending brother William B. Jones, a licentiate of that church, as a Beneficiary of the Convention, was read, and brother Jones appeared before the Board and was examined by them in relation to his Christian experience, calls to the ministry, &c. His examination being satisfactory, on motion, he was unanimously received as a beneficiary of the Board, as soon as their means will enable them to sustain him. The sum of eighty-one dollars was forthwith subscribed towards his support by brethren and friends.

There being no further business on motion, the Board then adjourned to meet in Milton. JAMES McDANIEL, *President*

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

Meeting of the Board in Milton.

The newly-appointed members of the Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, met at the office of the Recording Secretary in the town of Milton, on Monday the first of November, 1852.—Present—Albert G. Stevens, John H. Lacy, Nathaniel J. Palmer, William H. Kersey, A. McDowell and P. S. Henson.

A quorum being present, the meeting was opened with prayer by Elder John H. Lacy.

On motion, Elder Archibald McDowell was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

A letter in relation to the appointment of a Missionary to labor in the county of Edgecombe, North Carolina, referred to the Board by the Convention, was read, when on motion, brother James A. Moore, of Halifax county, Va., was appointed a Missionary to travel in that county the ensuing year, the amount received in his field of labor to be deducted from his salary.

A letter from Rev. William Curtis, D D., the Corresponding Secretary of the Broad River Society, for the support of the gospel, in relation to the balance due Elder Wade Hill, late the joint Missionary of the Board and that Society. On motion, the Secretary was directed to give an order on the Treasurer for one hundred dollars, the amount due him.

The letter of the Corresponding Secretary to the Western Baptist Convention of North Carolina, was presented, read and approved of by the Board.

The reports of Elders Robert B. Jones, A. Abernathy, and Stinceon Ivey, Missionaries of the Board, were received, read and approved of by the Board.

On motion, Elder Alexander D. Blackwood, now of Montgomery county, N. C., was *unanimously* appointed General Agent of the Convention for the ensuing year, with a salary of four hundred dollars per annum and his necessary travelling expenses.

On motion, Elder J. J. James was appointed Missionary of the Board to the towns of Charlotte in Mecklenburg and Wadesborough in Anson county for twelve months, to preach three Sundays in the month in Charlotte and one Sabbath at Wadesborough; the amount received in his field of labor to be deducted from his salary.

The Board then adjourned to meet again on Saturday before the third Sabbath in December. Prayer by the Chairman.

A. McDOWELL, *Chairman.*

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

N. B. It is expected that all of the Missionaries appointed by the Board, will act as assistant Agents of the Convention and receive subscriptions and donations in aid of its funds. Also the name of life members of the Convention. In this way they may essentially aid the Board in paying their salaries. Those who receive the benefit of their labors ought to contribute liberally towards their support.

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CONVENTION.

MILTON, October 9th, 1852.

Favored by Divine Providence, we are again enabled to render to the Convention, as their Executive Board, our annual Report. As on all previous occasions of the kind, we have cause of abundant gratitude to that beneficent Being, whose kingdom we have been associated to advance, to find ourselves still mingling with the living and permitted to labor for the good of his Zion.

Commencing the operations of the Conventional year with an embarassed treasury, the appointments of the Board were made so as to involve as little expense as possible, without neglecting some important fields of missionary labor which could not be overlooked. Most of those appointed as Missionaries were required to rely upon their fields of labor for their support, so that the income of the year should be mainly devoted to the payment of the liabilities of the Convention, thereby enabling us to commence the operations of another year free from embarassment, and with extended means for Domestic missionary operations. So far as the dues from the Convention were ascertained orders were made on the Treasurer to pay them as funds might come into his hands. How far he has been enabled to meet them and the general state of our finances, will appear from his report.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

At their first meeting after their appointment, Elder P. C. Connelly was appointed a Missionary for the Pee Dee Association, Elder Richard Jacks for the Yadkin, Elders Elias Dodson and John Robertson for the Beulah, Elder P. H. Smith for the Tar River, and Elder W. C. Patterson for the Sandy Creek Association. At the same time Elder J. G. Barkley was appointed a Missionary for the towns of Greenville in Pitt and Tarborough in Edgecombe county, and Elder John H. Lacy for the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, and neighborhood of Red Plains in Surry county. All except the latter to rely on their field of labor for their support.

At subsequent meetings of the Board in Milton, Elder William N. Hereford was appointed a Missionary for the counties of Guilford, Randolph and Alamance. Elder Stinceon Ivey for the towns of Wentworth in Rockingham, and Crawford in Stokes county; Elder Robert B. Jones was re-appointed a Missionary to labor in the Valley of the Catawba, including the towns of Newton, Dallas and Lincolnton; Elder S. P. Smith for the Brier Creek Association; Elder Stephen Ross for the Jefferson Association; Elder J. J. James for the town of Hillsborough, Elder J. H. Lacy having declined; and Elder A. Abernathy to assist for two or three months Elder Robert B. Jones on his exten-

sive field of operations. Elder J. H. Lacy having declined the appointment to Salisbury and other places, Elder Levi Thome of Kentucky was appointed in his place. He having also declined, Elder Richard H. Griffith of Virginia, a graduate of the Columbian College, D. C., who had recently entered upon the duties of the ministry, was appointed to this important field. These embrace all of the appointments made by the Board.

Elders Connelly, Dodson, Robertson, Barkley, Ivey, Jones, Ross, Abernathy and Griffith accepted of their appointments, and entered upon their duties. Elder Robertson on account of ill health labored but one month and Elder Barkley but a short time. So far as the Board are informed Elders Dodson, Connelly, Ivey, Jones and Ross have been laboring during most of the year, Elder Abernathy for about two months, and Elder Griffith but lately repaired to the place of his appointment. The others have either declined their appointments or neglected up to this time to report to the Board.

The Reports of Elder R. B. Jones are truly encouraging, showing that the Lord has signally blessed his labors; like success has attended the ministrations of Elder Ross, and we doubt not that the efforts of others of our missionaries have also shared the Divine blessing, from whom as yet we have received no full reports.

Owing to the expensiveness of living and the difficulty of obtaining a suitable Missionary for the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, &c., and the importance of having those places supplied, the Board were induced to increase the allowance of salary one hundred dollars, and they believe that this sum after paying the ordinary expenses, will not be found more than sufficient for the support of Elder Griffith and his family. They have reason to hope that most of the amount will be made up by those for whose benefit the appointment was made. Elder J. J. James has not yet accepted the appointment to Hillsborough, but the Board indulge the hope that he will yet give them his efficient services at a place where they are now so much required.

The Board are anxious that a Missionary should travel constantly within the bounds of each Association connected with the Convention, and that all of our important towns not yet supplied should have Baptist preaching. The towns of Charlotte in Mecklenburg, Wadesborough in Anson, Henderson in Granville, and Greensborough in Guilford counties, ought to have missionaries or located ministers to preach for them at least twice a month, and if our brethren throughout the State will find the means, which they can easily do, this desirable object will be soon effected. Every Association is well able to support one or more Missionaries and Colporteurs for the whole year, and if our brethren would all unite to affect the supply of the towns and Associations, it would be the means of largely augmenting the membership,—the pecuniary strength and the standing of our church. From the towns an influence will go out pervading the whole surrounding

country and extending the resources as well as usefulness of this branch of Zion.

SPECIAL CHANGES.

Since your last meeting, brother Zachariah A. Patillo of Caswell county, a member of this Board, departed this life. Being in feeble health at the time of his appointment, the fond hope indulged by him of meeting with us was never realized. He continued to decline until early in the month of July, when his feeble frame sunk under disease and in the triumphs of a living faith he breathed his last. Thus in the bloom of life has one been taken from us, who gave promise of great usefulness to the church, and who intended to devote his time and talents in dispensing the word of life. The vacancy caused by his death was supplied by the election of brother Poindexter S. Henson. Dr. J. J. Boswell of Milton, having previously been appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal to Lynchburg, Va., of Elder John L. Pritchard.

But a short time intervening the Board received the painful intelligence of the death of Elder William Jones, who had been for the last five years the laborious and efficient General Agent of the Convention. This sad event has occurred at a time when his efforts were mostly needed and the wants of an Agent most generally felt, in attending the annual meetings of the different Associations within the bounds of the Convention. In the department of our operations to which he was assigned, his place will be hard to fill, for his talents, disposition, as well as the amenity of his manners, were calculated to have a favorable impress wherever he went, and his zeal for the cause of the Convention insured him success in his efforts.

The Board did not deem it expedient to appoint a successor to Elder Jones, even if a suitable one could have been procured. They issued a circular to the ministers and brethren throughout the State urging them to devote some time before the annual meeting to voluntary agencies for the Convention, and the Secretaries of the Board and one or more ministers in the different Associations were specially requested to act as Agents of the Board until your meeting. Whether or not the very earnest appeal made to our ministering brethren and particularly the pastors of the different churches, has been responded to by them the Board have not the means now of knowing; they fear however in many instances their most reasonable and proper request has been unheeded. It is a source of deep regret that many of our pastors who profess to be friendly to the objects of the Convention, will not attend to any request of the Convention or its Board, notwithstanding they must know that they are not called upon to aid in the effecting of any worldly object, but alone to aid the cause of Christ, the salvation of our fellow men. Our brethren and sisters we doubt not, are disposed to aid the Convention, all that is needed is that their Pastors who go in and out before them, to call them into action. If this desirable object could be effected, then could we well dispense as our

Virginia brethren have done, with the services and expense of a general Agent.

Some of the wealthiest churches in the State have no delegate nor do they send up any contributions to the Convention. The reason is obvious—their Pastors do not bring the objects of the Convention prominently before them, they will not even preach one sermon in the whole year in its behalf. They will not establish nor encourage the monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions. One of our churches with a membership whose means are very limited, by observing the monthly Concert of Prayer, and receiving small contributions at each meeting is enabled to send up more than twenty dollars, and appoint two delegates to the Convention. Why cannot the wealthy churches do as much or more? Let them answer to Him whose cause they profess to espouse, and to whom they are responsible as stewards of the household of Christ and the recipients of the manifold mercies of God If they did but feel and know that there was a luxury in doing good and that God would reward them and bless them in proportion to their benevolence, they would not thus act.

BENEFICIARIES.

The number of beneficiaries now under the patronage of the Board, is reduced to four, who we learn are pursuing their studies at Wake Forest College with commendable zeal. Since the last meeting of the Convention no report in relation to their standing, &c., has been received from the Faculty of the College.

In looking to the numerical strength of our denomination in the State, the great demand for Baptist preaching and the number of churches destitute of pastoral aid, it is a source of deep regret and just apprehension in regard to the future prosperity of our churches, as well as the cause of Zion. Where there is such a wide field for usefulness, it is strange that so few of the young men connected with our church have their attention directed to the important work of the gospel ministry. This should be made a subject of special prayer to Almighty God that he would call and qualify more laborers to go forth into his vineyard, seeing the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. Every Association should adopt the necessary measures to secure and sustain at least one beneficiary at our College, and as many more as promise to be useful. A few wealthy members might well unite in supporting a beneficiary, who in after times might cause their hearts to rejoice, that they had been instrumental in providing the means of his usefulness.

EDUCATION.

The Board have again the satisfaction to congratulate the Convention in the continued prosperity of our College at Wake Forest. Nothing has occurred to affect in any degree its moral or literary standing, but much to inspire among its friends and the public increased confidence in the efficiency of its able and devoted corps of instructors, and the influences that are brought to bear in moulding the minds and

character of its pupils for great usefulness in the avocations of life to which they may devote themselves.

The attempt made to obtain a proper endowment and which was attended with partial success, has not been prosecuted for the want of one or more efficient Agents, the late worthy Agent being compelled by the pressure of his domestic and business arrangements to suspend operations.

At the late Commencement of the College in June last, when ten of their pupils graduated with distinguished credit, it was resolved by the Board of Trustees and sanctioned by a public meeting then held, to raise fifty thousand dollars as early as practicable for the purpose of endowing the institution, and four agents were appointed to canvass the State for that purpose. So far as the Board are informed, neither of them have accepted of their appointment. It is a matter of deep regret that it is so difficult to secure the services of suitable Agents in conducting our benevolent operations. The Board of Trustees of Richmond College, under the patronage of our brethren in the sister State of Virginia, have resolved to raise one hundred thousand dollars for the permanent endowment of that institution, and having been fortunate in securing the services of Elder A. M. Poindexter as their Agent, he has already raised in subscriptions and donations near three-fourths of the amount, and the complete success of the undertaking is no longer doubtful. Surely then the Baptists of North Carolina can raise fifty thousand dollars for their College. It may be that Elder Poindexter after finishing his important undertaking in Virginia may, if his life and health should be spared, be willing to undertake a similar enterprize in behalf of an institution of his native State. The previous recommendation of this Board as well as the Board of Trustees of the College, that preparatory schools should be established within the bounds of each Association, to operate as auxiliaries or feeders for the College, is about being carried out by several of the Associations. The Chowan—the Sandy Creek and the Beulah, are either preparing or have schools of the kind now in successful operation. In the latter they have procured the services of brother Poindexter S. Henson, late of the University of Virginia, a very efficient principal, who came highly recommended, and who is devoting himself to his duties with ability as well as commendable zeal. The school is located at Milton, N. C., and the Dan River and Roanoke Associations in Virginia, as well as the Flat River in North Carolina, have passed resolutions favorable to this institution. We hope that every Association will speedily commence and accomplish this desirable object. They have only to will it, and it will be effected.

In regard to Female Education, the Baptists of North Carolina may congratulate themselves in the success that has already attended their efforts. Our two Female Colleges, the Chowan and Oxford, as well as some five or six other schools under the management of Baptists are all full of pupils, and acquiring a high degree of confidence, not

only with our own denomination but with the public generally. From these institutions an influence will go out potent for good. Their success is a certain precursor of the success of Baptist principles, and the building up of Baptist churches, and the elevation of the standing of our denomination. The time has passed when the Baptists of North Carolina are compelled to send their sons and daughters to Pedobaptist schools. If they now pursue this suicidal policy, it is an evidence of their want of discernment or faithfulness to the church to whose precincts they belong. None of the Southern States, if indeed any State of the Union, is now ahead of North Carolina in Female Education.—Other States are now sending their daughters to our schools, showing that they are appreciated abroad as well as at home. All of our educational institutions should be properly endowed and established on a permanent basis.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With the exception of the efforts made in the Raleigh and Chowan Associations, but little has been done in our State in behalf of Foreign Missions. The efforts of Elder A. B. Cabaniss now on his way to China, to raise the necessary funds to pay for the Mission House erected for Elder M. T. Yates of this State, and his successors in the Mission at Shanghai, was crowned with partial success. Had he been enabled to prosecute this object a few weeks longer, we doubt not the necessary amount would have been obtained.

The great destitution within our own borders and the difficulty of supplying it, must for some time enfeeble our progress in this important branch of religious effort. The Board indulge the hope that the monthly concert of prayer and contributions in behalf of missions will in future be more generally attended to by the churches. It will be the means of adding much to the contributions towards this object and be a source of refreshing and joy to our members, that they have the delightful privilege of monthly sending up their united prayers, and making the contributions towards the support of a preached gospel to the destitute and perishing.

ORGAN OF THE BOARD.

The Biblical Recorder which is continued under the Editorial management of Elder Thomas W. Tobey, continues to be the organ of the Board, in which all of its proceedings are published gratuitously. A publication of the kind extensively circulated, is a source of great convenience as well as benefit to the denomination throughout the State, and should be well sustained. Its influence, wherever it is read, is for good and tends to awaken an increased interest in behalf of all of our benevolent enterprises.

The request of the Convention to have its proceedings published as an extra with the Recorder was faithfully attended to, and doubtless made them more extensively known than they would have been in any other way.

CONCLUSION.

The resolutions of the last Convention directing the issuing of a Circular to the Churches, Ministers and others, in relation to special or voluntary Agencies for the Convention, and to take up annual collections in its behalf, was duly issued and circulated as extensively as practicable. Also the resolution requesting the Board to appoint a special Agent to attend the Western Baptist Convention of this State. The Agent appointed left home to attend the Convention which met in Bumcombe county, and proceeded as far as the Catawba River in Lincoln county, where he was stopped by the high water, produced by the heavy rains which had fallen. Our regret at this failure is lessened by the circumstances that Elder Robert B. Jones and Dr. H. R. Curtis, correspondents appointed by the Board, and who had been requested to act as Special Agents in the event of a failure of our Agent to be present, attended the meeting of the Convention, and were kindly received and their report is herewith submitted. They received from the Convention a sufficient amount of funds to be appropriated to Foreign Missions and Education, to make their President, Elder J. M. Webb, and Secretary, Elder J. C. Grayson, Life Members of the State Convention.

Since the location of the Board in Milton, they have held their regular Quarterly Meetings, of which due notice has been given, and also special meetings as their business from time to time required, and their proceedings have been regularly published in the Biblical Recorder for the information of their brethren. While they are willing cheerfully, to discharge any duties imposed on them by the Convention, yet if a more central position can be found where its acting Board can be located, and the business of the Convention faithfully attended to, they will cheerfully transfer their duties to those who may be appointed to succeed them.

The Board cordially unite with the Baptist church in Milton in inviting the Convention to hold its next annual session in this, the place of their location.

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer, In account with the N. C. B. S. Convention*, '52.

DR.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Balance on hand, 1851,			22 25	22 25
Rec'd of Finance Committee,	181 96	128 36	106 61	416 93
" Rev. William Jones, Agent,	442 92	152 64	532 43	1127 99
" Miss E. Saunders,	10 00			10 00
" Good Will church,	75	75	72	2 22
" Rev. T. W. Tobey for Con. debt,	119 56			119 56
" Brier Creek,	8 63		8 62	17 25
" Western Convention,		49 75	15 80	65 55
" Tar River Association,	9 00	8 65	84 00	101 65
" E. Dodson,	10 00			10 00
" Miles Bobbet,			1 00	1 00
" Mike W. Duke,			1 00	1 00
" J. D. Blackwood,	2 50			2 50
" Collected on Friday night,	100 00			100 00
" Collected on Saturday night,			85 00	85 00
" Flat River Association,	17 00	16 50	17 00	50 50
" Mount Pleasant,	5 00		5 00	10 00
" From churches to Beulah Asso'n,		26 05		26 05
" Madison church,	4 18			4 18
" Friendship,	1 92			1 92
" Milton church,	12 53	12 53		25 06
" " for African miss'n,		2 40		2 40
" Catawba Association,	17 00			17 00
" Yadkin Association,	18 30			18 30
" Ral. Asso. support of M. T. Yates,		540 28		540 28
	961 25	937 91	879 43	2778 59
Over paid by the Treasurer,	61 24			61 24
				2839 83
CREDITS, 1852.				
Paid N. J. Palmer, Secretary, 1852,	17 00	17 00	16 00	50 00
" J. S. Lea, H. M., in full, 1851,	25 00			25 00
" J. Robertson, " " "	62 50			62 50
" P. H. Smith " " "	45 00			45 00
" J. B. White, board of M. Baldwin '51.			40 00	40 00
" M. A. Meredith printing minutes, '51,	42 00	44 00	42 00	128 00
" J. H. Lacy, H. M., in full, 1851,	50 00			50 00
" R. B. Jones, " " "	65 55			65 55
" J. K. White for his Education, contributed by Tar River Association,			75 00	75 00
" A. Abernathy, H. M.,	17 00			17 00
" R. Griffith, H. M.,	18 30			18 30
" J. M. Allen, Travelling expenses,	12 00	12 00	12 00	36 00
" C. N. B. Evans, printing circulars,	2 00	2 00	1 10	5 10
" N. J. Palmer for stationery,	1 00	1 00	60	2 60
" S. P. Smith, H. M., 1851,	50 00			50 00
	407 35	76 00	186 70	670 05

Amount brought over,	407 35	76 00	186 70	670 05
Paid W. Jones, Agent,	126 66	126 66	126 68	380 00
" W. D. Cooke, for certificates L. M.,	2 84	2 83	2 83	8 50
" James S. Purify, board of M. Baldwin and B. F. Cole, 1852,			152 00	152 00
" W. T. Brooks, board of E. F. Beachum 1852,			74 00	74 00
" J. B. Solomon, H. M., in full, 1851,	100 00			100 00
" A. Freeman for borrowed money,	385 64			385 64
" Wake Forest College for tuition of M. Baldwin, E. F. Beachum and B. F. Cole,			158 50	158 50
" A. Thomas, Treas. F. M. Board,		732 42		732 42
	1022 49	937 91	700 71	2661 11
Balance in my hands for Ed.			178 72	178 72
			879 43	2839 83
Over paid and due me, H. M.,	61 24			

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above report, and find it correct.

WM. T. BROOKS, *Auditor.*

N. CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

SMITHFIELD, Saturday Evening, Oct. 16th, 1852.

The Society held its anniversary meeting in the Baptist church.

Rev. J. J. James, the President, in the Chair.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. R. I. Devin was appointed Secretary pro tem. President J. B. White led in prayer.

H. C. Strowd, Esq., the Treasurer, made the following Report which was received by the Society.

(Report not received.)

On motion, Revs. A. D. Blackwood and J. P. Montague were appointed a Committee to obtain the names of members of the Society.

Elder R. I. Devin of Oxford, offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Southern Baptist Publication Society, located at Charleston, S. C., should receive all due encouragement from the Baptists of North Carolina, and that a Colporteur should be appointed to operate in the bounds of each Association. to supply our denomination with Sabbath School, and members with other suitable books on the best possible terms.

The resolution was seconded by Elder A. D. Blackwood.

Upon invitation, brother George Parks of Charleston, S. C., connected with the Baptist Publication Society, addressed the Society in relation to the operations and success of that institution.

The Society was also addressed by Elder E. Dodson and Rev. T. W. Tobey.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Elder T. W. Tobey submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Baptist Psalmody, edited by Rev. B. Manly, D. D. & Son, and published by the Southern Baptist Publication Society, is eminently adapted to the wants of the Baptist denomination South, and cordially recommend it as the most suitable book now in use to all the Baptist churches in the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That the Publications of the Southern Baptist Publication Society generally, are deserving of the widest circulation and ought to have a place in every Baptist family.

The resolutions were sustained in remarks by the mover and by brethren N. J. Palmer, J. P. Montague, Elder E. Dodson, when the resolutions were *unanimously* adopted.

Brother N. J. Palmer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That every destitute family within the bounds of this State ought to be speedily supplied with the Bible, and that all of our churches should adopt measures to effect this object.

This resolution was sustained by Elders John H. Lacy, W. H. Jordan, E. Dodson, and brother Isaac Winston.

Messrs. A. D. Blackwood, R. I. Devin and H C. Strowd were appointed a Committee to receive a list of those desirous to become members, and contributions of the Society, who reported an accession to the list of members, which including the contributions, amounted to the sum of $23.48.

The Society was addressed by President J. B. White of Wake Forest College, in a very effective manner as to the importance of its objects.

On motion, the following Officers and Board of Managers were appointed by the Society:—

REV. J. J. JAMES, of Caswell, President.

Rev. William H. Jordan, Rev. J. S. Purify and Hamilton Hester, Esq'r, Vice Presidents.

Prof. William T. Walters, Recording Secretary.

Prof. William T. Brooks, Corresponding Secretary.

Board of Managers located at Wake Forest College.—S. S. Biddle, Rev. J. J. Brantley, Dr. William M. Crenshaw, Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq., Isaac Winston, Esq., Rev. Samuel Wait, D. D., John Kerr, Esq., B. W. Justice, Adolphus G. Jones, Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, Rev. R. I. Devin, Willie J. Palmer, E. F. Beachum, Moses Baldwin, Benson F. Cole, John M. Brewer, R. P. Jones, W. R. Trawick, P. A. Dunn, Rev. William M. Wingate and F. Slade.

General Agent—Rev. C. W. Bessent.

On motion, Elder William H. Jordan of Wilmington, was requested to deliver the next annual address before the Society.

On motion, the proceedings of this meeting were directed to be published with the Minutes of the Convention at the expense of the Society.

The Society then adjourned to meet again with the Convention at Tarborough in October, 1853. Prayer by Rev. William H Jordan.

J. J. JAMES, *President.*

R. I. DEVIN, *Secretary pro tem.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE AND BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the North Carolina Bible and Publication Society, and shall be auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

ART. 2. The objects of the Society shall be to extend the circulation of the Word of God, and of Religious Books and Publications, published under the patronage of our denomination. Also to encourage the establishment of Sabbath School and Sabbath School Librararies.

ART. 3. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor and Depository Agent, who shall be elected or appointed annually.

ART. 4. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Intermediate meetings of the Society, may be called by the President or two of the Vice Presidents.

ART. 5. Any person may become a member of the Society by the payment of one dollar annually—by the payment of ten dollars at one time, a Life Member—and by the payment of twenty-five dollars by a member of the Baptist church a Life Director, and each Baptist church or Auxiliary Society shall be entitled to a delegation in the annual meetings of the Society, for every three dollars sent up.

ART. 6. Auxiliary Societies or churches contributing to the funds of the Society, shall receive one half the amount back in books.

ART. 7. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of twenty members, with the officers of the Society to be appointed annually.

ART. 8. Any Auxiliary Society will be recognized as such, upon sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of their Constitution and list of officers.

Art. 9. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Society and disburse them as the Society or Board of Managers may direct, and shall make an annual report to the Society of the state of its funds, and the Depository Agent shall keep the Books and Publications of the Society, and dispose of them as the Board of Managers may direct.

Art. 10. The Society shall at each Annual Meeting appoint one or more persons to deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, at the next anniversary.

Art. 11. The Society or Board of Managers shall have power to appoint one or more Agents, and fix their compensation.

Art. 12. The proceedings of the Society shall be annually published with the proceedings of the Convention, at the expense of the Society.

FORM OF AN AUXILIARY

To the North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the Bible and Baptist Publication Society of church or town, the object of which shall be the encouragement of the circulation of Bibles, religious books and tracts, and the establishment of one or more Sabbath Schools and libraries.

Art. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society, and its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, with a Board of nine Managers, who shall be elected annually.

Art. 3. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary shall record its proceedings; the Treasurer receive, keep, and disburse its funds according to the order of the Society; and the Librarian shall have charge of the Library.

Art. 4. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the parent State Society, one half to be returned in books at cost prices, and and the other half devoted to the aid of destitute Sabbath Schools and neighborhoods.

Art. 5. The Society shall meet annually, or oftener, at the call of one or more of its presiding officers. At the annual meetings, some one shall be selected to address the Society, or preach a sermon before it.

Art. 6. Any person may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its funds, or a life member, by the contribution at one time, of the sum of ten dollars.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

This Society held a meeeting in the Baptist church in Smithfield on Monday night after the adjournment of the Convention.

After a sermon by the Rev. A. D. Blackwood of Montgomery county, the Society was called to order by N. J. Palmer, Esq., one of the Vice Presidents.

Rev. J. P. Montague of Granville, was appointed Secretary pro tem.

No one being appointed to deliver the annual address before the Society, the same was omitted.

On motion, the following persons were appointed the officers of the Society for the ensuing year :—

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, of Milton, President.

JOHN KERR, ESQ'R, REV. A. MCDOWELL and REV. WILLIAM T. BROOKS, Vice Presidents.

POINDEXTER S. HENSON, of Milton, Corresponding Secretary.

JAMES M. ALLEN, ESQ'R, of Milton, Recording Secretary.

ALBERT G. STEVENS, of Milton, Treasurer.

Board of Managers.—Rev. J. J. Brantley, Rev. James S. Purify, Rev. John H. Lacy, Dr. J. J. Boswell, Professor William H. Owen, Professor William T. Walters, J. M. Brewer, P. A. Dunn, H. C. Strowd, Rev. J. J. James, Dr. William M. Crenshaw, S. S. Biddle, A. G. Jones, Rev. Elias Dodson, Rev. R. I. Devin, G. Lewis, J. A. Hicks, J. C. Jackson, Willie J. Palmer, R. A. Newbill, and J. P. Montague.

GENERAL AGENT—Rev. William M. Wingate.

On motion, the Rev. R.B. C. Howell, D. D., of Richmond, Va., was requested to deliver the semi-annual Address before the Society at Wake Forest College on the day preceding the annual Commencement in June next, the Rev. James McDaniel, of Fayetteville, his alternate.

On motion the proceedings of the Society were directed to be published with the minutes of the Convention.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet at Wake Forest College in June next, on the day preceding the Annual Commencement.

N. J. PALMER, *President.*

J. P. MONTAGUE, *Secretary pro tem.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be denominated the North Carolina Baptist Education Society.

ART. 2. The objects of this Society shall be to aid in raising a fund for the endowment of Wake Forest College and the promotion of the cause of Education, particularly among the Baptist denomination in this State.

ART. 3. The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, who with a board of twenty other individuals, shall constitute a Board of Managers, to conduct the business of the Society in the intervals of its meetings; and they shall be annually appointed.

ART. 4. The Board of Managers shall be located at Wake Forest College, but may adjourn to meet at other places. Five members shall constitute a quorum to do business.

ART. 5. The Society shall hold its annual meetings with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and an extra meeting at each annual Commencement of Wake Forest College, and the President or two of the Vice Presidents shall have power to call other meetings of the Society.

ART. 6. Any person by the contribution of one dollar annually may become a member of the Society, and by the contribution of twenty dollars or more become a Life Member of the Society.

ART. 7. At each annual meeting of the Society some one or more competent individuals shall be appointed to address the Society at the next annual meeting, and at the meeting at Wake Forest College some one shall likewise be appointed to address the Society at its next meeting at that place, and the President or Board of Managers may make other appointments or fill the places of those that decline.

ART. 8. The Society or the Board of Managers may appoint one or more Agents and fix their compensation, and give them the necessary instructions.

ART. 9. The Treasurer shall safely keep the funds of the Society and disburse them and invest them as the Society or Board of Managers may direct, and shall annually or oftener as they may direct, make a full report of the state of the finances in his hands or that may be *invested*.

ART. 10. The By-laws and Rules of Decorum adopted by the Convention shall govern the Society so far as they are applicable.

ART. 11. The President, or in his absence the senior Vice President, shall preside at the meetings of the Society; and if neither be present, the Society shall appoint a President *pro tempore*.

ART. 12. In the meetings of the Board of Managers the President or one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside; and if neither be present, they shall appoint a Chairman.

ART. 13. The foregoing Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and their successors in office, for the objects of that Convention, the sum of $, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

If the donor desires it specially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest. N. J. PALMER, *Secretary*.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Wake Forest College, incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and their successors in office, the sum of $, for the use and benefit of the said Institution, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO OXFORD FEMALE COLLEGE.

I do hereby devise and bequeath to The Trustees of Oxford Female College, and their successors in office, the sum of $, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease, (or the death of my widow as the case may be.)

The donor or devisor can also state if desired, the particular object to which he or she may wish the legacy applied.

☞ Devises to Murfreesborough Female Collegiate Institute, or any other incorporated Female Institution, can be given in the same form, only substituting the name of the Institution.

A List of Life Members of the Baptist State Convention of N. C.,

BY THE PAYMENT OF THIRTY DOLLARS.

Dr. Joseph B. Outlaw,
Ann L. Pope,
Delana High,
Rev. C. R. Hendrickson,
Charles W. Skinner,
David Furlow,
Rebecca Blount,
Martha Blount,
Rev. William Hooper, LL. D.
Dr. B. F. Williams,
Col. Samuel S. Biddle,
Rev. N. A. Purify,
" James McDaniel,
David Wells,
Lockey Simmons,
Oliver H. Dockery,
Mrs. Elizabeth Washington,
Mrs. Susan W. Graham,
Rev. A. McDowell,
Rev. John H. Lacy,
M. D. Martin Douglas,
R. W. Lawson,
Rev. P. C. Connelly,
Rev. William C. Patterson,
Rev. Aaron Jones,
Mary Ann Metts,
William P. Ward,
Jos. Halsey,
Lydia Simmons,
Susanna Deans,
Edward Howell,
Jane P. Williams,
Sarah Ann Butler,
Lucy Plummer,
Jordan H. Cobb,
Rev. Haynes Lennon,
Catharine White,
Rev. Samuel Wait, D. D.,
Arthur Melvin,
R. McDaniel,
Rev. George W. Purify,
Susan Grady,
E. Clark,
Absalom Powell,
Elder J. M. Webb,
Elder J. C. Grayson,
Mrs. Mary W. Timberlake,
Mrs. M. A. Stevens,
Nathaniel J. Palmer.

Life Members by Churches.

Rev. John B. White,
" William T. Brooks,
Samuel O. Tatum,
Isham Holding,
Col. Isaac Winston,
Rev. James S. Purify,
Rufus J. Ivey,
William R. Trawick,
Rev. James B. Jackson,
" Thomas W. Tobey,
David Justice,
Edward Chapel,
Rev. L. B. Horton.

Report of Committee of Finance, 1852.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Cartlege's Creek,	4 00	3 00	3 00	10 00
Oxford church,	5 50	5 50		11 00
Spring Hill,		15 00		15 00
Grassy Creek,	10 75	10 75		21 50
Fayetteville,	11 00	10 00	10 00	31 00
Juvenile Miss. Society,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Concord,		10 00		10 00
Shady Hill,	10 00			10 00
Wake Forest,	60		8 75	9 35
Briar Creek,			1 00	1 00
Union Association,		24 70	24 70	49 40
Thomas Dockery,	5 00			5 00
Hester's,	6 66	6 66	6 68	20 00
Mount Zion,	3 75	3 75	3 75	11 25
Tarboro,	10 00			10 00
Ellis's church,	10 00			10 00
Blackwood's Chapel,	10 00			10 00
Pedee Association,	43 75	7 00	7 00	57 75
Beulah Association,	21 00	21 00	21 00	63 00
Olive Branch,	4 00	6 50	1 50	12 00
Conoconary,	6 62			6 62
New Bethel (Baptist Mission House,)		11 50		11 50
Louisburg,	2 00			2 00
Sabbath collection,	20 33		20 00	40 33
	189 96	135 36	112 38	437 70
Deduct, error in funds received,	8 00	7 00	5 77	20 77
	181 96	128 36	106 61	416 93

A. D. BLACKWOOD, *Chairman.*
D. S. WILLIAMS,
I. WINSTON.

Contribution for Home Mission Friday Night.

Paid N. J. Palmer,	$5	" John Amis,	5
" W. Moore,	5	" W. S. Ballinger,	5
" D. S. Williams,	5	" D. H. Holland,	5
" M. Bennett,	5	" P. A. Dunn,	5
" George Parks,	5	" T. W. Tobey,	2
" W. H. Jordan,	5	" A. D. Blackwood,	2
" H. C. Strowd,	5	" Cash Collection,	31
" G. J. Hinton,	5		
" J. A. Stevens,	5		$100

Unpaid.

E. Dodson,	5	S. S. Biddle,	5
H. H. Biddle,	5		—
			15

Collection on Saturday Night for Education.

Paid James S. Purify,	$5	Paid H. C. Strowd,	5
" J. B. Jackson,	5	" N. J. Palmer,	5
" M. Bennett,	5	" W. H. Jordan,	5
" Mrs. Moore,	5	" H. G. Owen,	5
" J. M. Beasley,	5	" R. Ivey,	5
" J. N. Paterson,	5	" W. H. McCullers,	5
" W. M. Falkner,	5	" I. Winston,	5
" Mrs. Guy,	5	" J. J. James,	5
" Sarah F. Norcott,	5		—
			$85

Unpaid.

E. Dodson,	5	B. D. Rice,	5
S. S. Biddle,	5		—
			15

Contribution for the Education of William B. Jones, as a Beneficiary of the Convention.

Paid J. B. Beckwith,	$5	Paid J. J. James,	5
" Joseph Evans,	5	" J. P. Montague,	5
" C. D. Ellis,	5		—
" A. D. Blackwood,	5		45
" James B. Jackson,	5	Unpaid D. S. Williams,	16
" W. S. Ballenger,	5	" J. S. Purify in board	20
" James McDaniel,	5		—
			$81

A LIST
OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN N. CAROLINA.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
Ammons, Joshua	Franklin, Macon county,	N C
Andrews, Levi	Hadley's Mills, Chatham,	"
Ayres, Darius B	Lumberton, Robeson,	"
Alderman, A B	Harrell's Store, N Hanover,	"
Atkinson, Willie	Roger's X Roads, Wake,	"
Averett, John C	Botanic Hill, Nash,	"
Adams, L L	(Not known,)	
Askew, N	Kinston,	"
Adams, W F	Bugabo, Wilks,	"
Adams, Z B	Brier Creek,	"
Blackwood, A D	McCallum's Store, Mont,	"
Brown, W G	Hamptonville, Yadkin,	"
Bessent, Calvin W	Jerusalem, Davie,	"
Britton, W P	Pitch Landing,	"
Bullard, B	Leesville, Robeson,	"
Bennett, Joel	White Marsh, Columbus,	"
Bullock, Z	Fair Bluff, Columbus,	"
Brooks, W T	Forestville,	"
Bruce, Bailey	Sugar Hill, McDowell,	"
Beserdeman, A	Harrell's Store,	"
Biddle, W P	Fort Barnwell,	"
Brenson, ——	Moore's Creek,	"
Barkley, J G	Enfield,	"
Bazemore, S	Windsor,	"
Bennett, Mark	Tarboro,	"
Carter, H	Albemarle, Stanly,	"
Connelly, P C	Montpelier, Richmond,	"
Crutchfield, Enoch	Patterson's Store,	"
Cobb, Jordan	Lumber Bridge, Robeson,	"
Chaffin, N S	Mocksville,	"
Corn, N P	Hendersonville,	"
Craig, A M	Hotel, Bertie,	"
Coggin, Willis	Gulph, Chatham,	"
Cashwell, James	Gray's Creek,	"
Crudup, Josiah	Franklinton,	"
Chastain, A C	Antioch,	"
Colbreath, H	Rutherfordton,	"
Caudle, J H	Germanton,	"
Chapel, W J	Mount Pisgah,	"
Cheek, H	Bugabo,	"
Cliffton, J L	Piney Grove,	"

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
David, E	Wadesboro,	N C
Drake, J A	Botanic Hill,	"
Davis, Elias	Lumberton,	"
Delk, James	Pitch Landing,	"
Dusenbury, Samuel	Allen's Bridge,	S C
Devin, R I	Oxford,	N C
Duty, Samuel	Oxford,	"
Dodson, Elias	Yanceyville,	"
Duncan, Charles	Madison,	"
Durham, J D	Shelby,	"
Dowd, P W	Raleigh,	"
Edwards, W H	Peachtree Grove, Nash,	"
Ellington, J F	Ellington's Wake county,	"
Evans, J	Flat Rock,	"
Fisher, Reuben	Ellisville,	"
Fennell, G W	Harrell's Store,	"
Freeman, M D	Wakefield,	"
Fory, M R	Murfreesborough,	"
Godby, G R	Mocksville,	"
Gordon, C C	Warsaw,	"
Goforth, W	New Castle,	"
Guy, A	Warsaw,	"
Goly, Robert	Summerfield,	"
Grayson, J C	Golden Valley,	"
Gilbert, A J	Jenny Lind,	"
Gulledge, Joel	Poplar Hill,	"
Garner, William	New Hope,	"
Hooper, William	Newbern,	"
Haynes, John	Pidgeon River,	"
Haynes, William	Pidgeon River,	"
Henson, Thomas	Scott's Creek,	"
Horton, L B	Wakefield,	"
Hart, R D	Hilliardston,	"
Haywood, J N	Windsor,	"
Haywood, Thomas	Pitch Landing,	"
Hancock, E	Hotel,	"
Hutson, L	Marley's Mills,	"
Hall, E	Ellisville,	"
Hill, G W	White Marsh,	"
Hollingsworth, W	Gray's Creek,	"
Hester, Elijah	Dutchville,	"
Howell, Jesse	Green Level,	"
Hughes, A J H	Not known,	

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Hedden, E	Fort Hembree,	N C
Howell, William	Webb's Ford,	"
Huffham, G W	Faison's Depot,	"
Hereford, ——	Wentworth,	"
Howell, T	Jonesville,	"
Honrine, J T	Fayetteville,	"
Hardy, W H	Garysburg,	"
Harrell, D	Windsor,	"
Ivey, S	Madison,	"
Johnson, G W	Elizabeth City,	"
Jacks, Job	Emerson's Tanyard,	"
James, J J	Yanceyville,	"
Jackson, J B	Raleigh,	"
Jones, A	Chapel Hill,	"
Johnson, R	Auburn,	"
Jacks, R	Jefferson,	"
Jones, R B	Woodsdale,	"
Jordan, W H	Wilmington,	"
Kennedy, W M	Strickland's Depot,	"
Kennedy, H R	Kenansville,	"
Kuykendall, J	Flat Rock,	"
King, James	Blue Wing,	"
Kenney, A	(Not known,)	
Kornegay, H R	Kenansville,	"
Lineberry, William	St Lawrence,	"
Lanear, Benjamin	Not known,	
Lennon, Haynes	Big Swamp,	"
Lennon, G W	Robeson,	"
Lovinggood, G W	Murphy,	"
Licer, T C	Rutherfordton,	"
Lacy, J H	Milton,	"
Leary, W	Edenton,	"
Lansdell, J J	Plymouth,	"
Minor, H	Goldsboro',	"
McDowell, A	Milton,	"
Mints, William	Sholoate,	"
McCurry, L	Duncan's Creek,	"
McCrow, J M	Sandy Run,	"
Montague, J P	Oxford,	"
Montague, J E	Young's X Roads,	"
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McAlpin, Hugh	Clinton,	"
Moore, I	Saratoga,	"

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Mengus, J	Qualatown,	"
Marcom, J C	Raleigh,	"
May, M	Hamptonville,	"
Moody, R M	Collettsville,	"
Nowell, Mark	Wakefield,	"
Nowell, John	Cole Rain,	"
Newton, Reuben	Harrell's Store,	"
Niles, A N	Notley,	"
Noble, A M	Sholoate,	"
Oakley, W E	Berea,	"
Olive, J	Holly Springs,	"
Powell, Jesse	Pinetum,	"
Patterson, W C	Columbia Factory,	"
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Prevatt, F	Leesville,	"
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Pearce, P	Belford,	"
Purify, N A	Warrenton,	"
Padget, A	Sandy Plains,	"
Parnell, D	Webb's Ford,	"
Patterson, H W	Edneysville,	"
Pendergrass, J F	Tusquitee,	"
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Repiton, A P	Wilmington,	"
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Richeson, N	Carthage,	"
Roby, A	Walnut Lane,	"
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Readman, A	New Hope,	"
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Stradley, Thomas	Ashville,	"
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Spivey, A J	Windsor,	"
Stone, I	Lumberton,	"
Smith, Thomas	Ellisville,	"
Smith, P H	Louisburg,	"
Swaim, S D	Jonesville,	"
Smith, S P	Brier Creek,	"
Spivey, H S	Belford,	"
Solomon, J B	Arcola,	"
Speight, H	Gatesville,	"
Terrell, J	Francisco,	"
Turner, William	Salem,	"
Tindale, N	Sneedsboro,	"
Tobey, T W	Raleigh,	"
Trotman, Q H	Mintonsville,	"
Twine, A	Powell's Point,	"
Waff, Thomas	Ballard's Bridge,	"
Wilder, Samuel	Wakefield,	"
Williams, A	Lexington,	"
Woodward, H	Clinton,	"
Williams, L F	Faison's Depot,	"
Wallace, G W	Bear Branch,	"
Wells, David	Harrell's Store,	"
Wait, Samuel	Oxford,	"
White, J B	Forestville,	"
Walters, W T	Forestville,	"
White, J K	Louisburg,	"
Wilcox, Thomas	Brinkleyville,	"
Webb, J M	Rutherfordton,	"
Wilkey, J	Rutherfordton,	"
Wells, D	Harrell's Store,	"
Weaver, A	(Not known,)	
Williams, D S	Fayetteville,	"
Williams, E C	Beaver Dam,	"
West, E W	Mount Airy,	"
Wilson, J C	New Hill,	"
West, Isaac	Sill's Creek,	"
Utley, J	Beaufort,	"

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The Board of Managers meet quarterly on the Saturday before the 3rd Sabbaths in November, February, May and September. Intermediate meetings are held when necessary.

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N. B.—All gifts or bequests to the Convention or either of the Societies, must be made to the "Trustees of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina," and their successors in office, the donor or devisor stating the objects to which he or she may wish the bequest applied.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Gospel ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of missionaries within the limits of the State, and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated, agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such institutions as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association or individual shall be entitled to send to the Convention one delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist Church, for every ten dollars paid into the treasury.

ART. 6. Any regular member of the Baptist Church, by contributing at one time, the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he or she continues a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he or she belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time may become a life member of the Board of Managers upon the same conditions.

ART. 7. The officers of this Convention, to be eleeted annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor, who with twenty others, shall constitute a Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board, that of the Vice Presidents, to preside in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Secretaries shall be required to discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices.—The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes. The duty of the Auditor will be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

ART. 9. The Board of Managers shall meet quarterly or oftener, at such time and place as they shall, from time to time, designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the objects of the Constitution.

ART. 10. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 11. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, at such time and place as it shall direct.

ART. 12. The Convention shall require of its Board a full report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

ART. 13. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any

annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Explanatory resolution passed by the Convention in Fayetteville, October 16th, 1854:

Rssolved, That the 4th and 5th articles of the Constitution be so construed as to allow the different Associations to represent in this body upon funds expended within their own bounds. for the objects of the Convention, on condition that the Board of the Convention be allowed to confirm the appointment of their missionaries, and a regular correspondence be kept up between the Boards of the Associations and the Board of the Convention; and that they report their funds to the Treasurer of the Convention at each annual session.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the President on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7. The names of members shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair or Secretary, before debated.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of any paper is called for, and is objected to by a member, it shall be determined by vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

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This Institution, chartered by the Legislature of North Carolina, is located in the county of Wake, immediately on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, sixteen miles distant from the seat of Government. The Faculty of the Institution is as follows :

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The Annual Commencement of the College is held on the second Thursday in June in each year.

The Spring Session opens on the 3rd Monday in January, and the Fall Session on the 4th Monday in July.

N. B. By the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly incorporating the Board of Trustees, absence from their meetings for three years vacates the seat of a member. Hence the alterations that have from time to time been made.

PROCEEDINGS.

WARRENTON, N. C., November 7th, 1855.

The delegates composing the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, met in the Baptist church in Warrenton, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Elder James McDaniel, President of the last session of the Convention, took the chair, and after reading the Scriptures, a few brief and pertinent remarks, and singing, prayer was made by Elder J. B. Solomon.

S. J. Wheeler was called on to act as Secretary during the organization. The following representation was then reported, viz:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Beulah; E. Dodson, J. J. James, T. W. Tobey, R. W. Lawson.

Chowan; T. H. Pritchard, S. J. Wheeler.

Union; C. D. Ellis, B. Hallett, J. Lane, W. H. Jordan, N. C. Faison, A. M. Faison, J. P. Faison.

Sandy Creek; B. J. Hackney, T. S. Yarbro.

Pamlico; Mark Bennett, C. Wooten.

Raleigh; G. W. Johnston, S. Betts, J. L. King, F. M. Purify, J. K. Purify, M. H. Horton, I. F. Williams, P. B. Council.

Yadkin; R. H. Griffith.

Pee Dee; H. G. Lucas.

Flat River; I. B. Hobgood.

Tar River; G. Lewis, L. M. Conyers, N. A. Purify, G. M. L. Finch, J. B. Solomon, John Watson, A. W. Bridgers, C. J. Egerton, E. T. Rice, J. Lancaster, G. W. Powell.

Cape Fear; A. P. Repiton.

Liberty; Thomas S. Yarbro.

SOCIETIES.

S. School Juvenile Missionary Society of Fayetteville; W. B. Shemwell.

Female Missionary Society of Union Hill church; R. H. Griffith, W. C. Harding.

Missionary Society of Chowan Female Collegiate Institute; William Hooper.

CHURCHES.

Wake Forest; L. H. Shuck.
Grassy Creek; H. H. Gordan.
Fayetteville; James McDaniel, R. P. Jones, F. H. Ivey, G. F. H. Crockett.
Blackwood's Chapel; J. M. Luther, O. P. Luther.
Bethel; W. R. Haywood, P. P. Ballard.
Island Ford; R. H. Griffith.
Chapel Hill; B. J. Hackney.
Pittsboro; Thomas S. Yarbro.
Red Bud; W. C. Finch.
Oxford; R. I. Devin.
Olive Branch; J. C. Bumpass, F. A. Belcher.
Warrenton; W. B. Williams, J. L. Bowden.
Eatons; R. H. Griffith.
Reedy Creek; J. T. Pitchford.
Kendall's; Thomas S. Yarbro.
Mount Pleasant; E. Meadow.
Gum Spring; A. D. Blackwood.
Mill Creek; J. E. Montague.
Murfreesboro; William Hooper.
Flat River; W. H. Blackwell.
Bethel; Drury A. Harris, John E. Montague.
Hester's Church; J. H. Satterwhite.
Raleigh; Linn Adams, James M. Perkinson, Robert Jones, Augustus M. Lewis.
Conoconary; E. P. Powell.
Wake Forest; William M. Wingate, W. Gaston Simmons, Moses Baldwin, H. Fowler, Wm. Mitchell, L. H. Shuck, B. F. Simmons, F. H. Ivey, W. T. Walters, W. T. Brooks.
Corinth; H. B. Bridgers.
Goldsboro; E. B. Wood.
Brassfields; Joseph T. Moss, S. H. Canady.
Hertford; George Bradford.

By Individual Donation; J. C. Averitt.

Life Members; James S. Purify, I. Wood, John E. Montague, James McDaniel, S. S. Biddle, Thomas W. Tobey, L. Simmons, William T. Walters, A. Jones, B. J. Hackney, Mrs. Bennett by Elder Jeter, Moses Baldwin, Robert I. Devin, Isaac Winston, W. Gaston Simmons, H.

Hester, Alexander D. Blackwood, Rufus P. Jones, William M. Crenshaw, Mary E. Biddle by Elder Pearcey, H. McAlpin by N. C. Faison, Mrs. Harriett Whitaker by Mark Bennett, William M. Wingate.

It was resolved to defer the election of officers of the Convention until to-morrow.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats; the following were recognized, viz:

Elder James B. Jeter, Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention; Elder G. F. H. Crockett, Indian Missions; Elder Aaron Jones, General Association of Virginia; brethren Stradley and Kelly, Western Baptist Convention of N. C.

The use of the chapel of the Female Institute of Messrs. Graves & Wilcox, of the Male Academy of Mr. Ezell, and the Masonic and Temperance Halls was tendered to the Convention, for which a vote of thanks was adopted.

Brethren Biddle, Lewis & Bumpass were appointed a committee of Finance.

Elders James, Finch and Devin were appointed a committee of Arrangements; Solomon, Holt, Rice and James S. Purify on Religious Services.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 9 1-2 a. m. tomorrow, prayer by Elder Hooper; after which a doxology was sung, and benediction by the President.

At 7 1-2 p. m., Elder Thomas W. Tobey, at the request of the Convention, delivered the Introductory Sermon from 2 Cor. v. 11, the brethren being absent, who were appointed at the last Convention to that service.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Convention met: after the reading of the Scriptures and singing, prayer was offered by Elder Jeter.

Proceedings of yesterday were read and roll called.

Convention then proceeded to ballot for President.—Brethren Lewis and Blackwood were appointed tellers, who reported that Elder James McDaniel was elected, who took his seat after making due acknowledgments.

Brethren J. A. Purify, Yarboro, and Devin were appointed a committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention.

Committee of Arrangements reported; report received and committee discharged.

In accordance with the provisions of the report, the

Constitution of the N. Carolina Baptist State Convention and Rules of Order were read.

Convention adjourned to the Male Academy.

Elder A. Jones reported that he attended the last session of the General Association of Virginia as a corresponding messenger of this Convention, and was cordially received.

Elders Tobey and Dodson reported their attendance on the Southern Biennial Convention at Montgomery, Ala., in May last, which session was represented as harmonious and effective. The project of a General Theological Seminary for the South and West was specially noticed. A. Paul Repiton, G. M. L. Finch, and Alexander D. Blackwood were appointed a committee to nominate a delegation to the Augusta Convention.

Elder Yarbro reported the officers of the Convention, which was received and committee discharged.

The presence of brother George Pearcy, returned missionary from China, was announced and he was cordially invited to a seat in the Convention.

On motion of brother Jordan, the Convention resolved to adjourn to-morrow at 2 1-2 o'clock to allow Mr. Cook, Principal of the N. C. Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, an opportunity to exhibit before us the proficiency of his pupils.

On motion, brethren S. J. Wheeler, George W. Johnston, J. J. James and Thomas W. Tobey were appointed a standing committee on Statistics.

The Chair appointed the following

CORRESPONDENTS.

To the General Association of Virginia: Thomas W. Tobey, J. J. James, T. H. Pritchard.

South Carolina Convention: A. P. Repiton, J. McDaniel, Robert B. Jones.

Western Convention: Elders Griffith, Weaver and Jones.

The Corresponding Secretary was also instructed to write a letter of Correspondence to the last-named body.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Repiton.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

After singing, Elder Jordan led in prayer, and the Convention proceeded to business.

Brother W. C. Harding, of Missouri, by invitation took a seat in the Convention.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Chairman announced the following

COMMITTEES.

Periodicals: Thomas W. Tobey, S. S. Biddle, William M. Crenshaw.

New Fields of Labor: Elias Dodson, Thomas S. Yarbro, and Benjamin Hallett.

Special Changes: William H. Jordan, Robert I. Devin, and Isaac Winston.

Indian Missions: G. F. H. Crockett, W. C. Finch, and H. Bridgers.

Nomination of Preachers for next Convention: I. Hobgood, O. P. Luther, L. Simmons.

Church Extension: Mark Bennett, S. J. Wheeler, Drury A. Harris.

On Vacancies in Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College: Elders Wingate, James S. Purify and Johnston.

On Nomination of Delegates to Theological meeting at Augusta: Elders Repiton, Finch, and Blackwood.

On Mass Meetings: James S. Purify, Charles D. Ellis and J. B. Solomon.

On Foreign Missions: William Hooper, James C. Averett, and Guilford Lewis.

On Education: N. A. Purify, H. Hester and H. Fort.

On Home Missions: Thomas Lansdell, R. H. Griffith, J. L. King.

On Board of Managers: J. J. James, William H. Jordan, James S. Purify.

The following preamble and resolutions, by brother Tobey, after appropriate remarks from brethren James, Jordan and Jeter, were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Our esteemed brother, David S. Williams, has left this State and taken up his abode in Arkansas—

Resolved, That we learn with regret that our brother has left us, and deem it proper to state that we hold him in high estimation as a christian, a gentleman, and a minister of the Gospel, and hope that he will be greatly blessed of God in his new field of labor.

Resolved, That the editors of the Biblical Recorder and Tennessee Baptist be requested to publish the above preamble and resolution.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Church Extension Society meet at this place to-morrow morning at 8 1-2 o'clock, and the Publication Society at 8 1-2 o'clock Saturday morning.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 1-2 o'clock to morrow morning in the school-room of the Warrenton Female Institute. Prayer by brother Finch.

FRIDAY, 9 1-2 o'clock.

Convention met at the place appointed, and was opened with the usual preliminary services. Prayer by brother Wingate.

The Roll was called, and the proceedings of yesterday read and adopted.

The Report of the General Agent was received and adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion a Committee, consisting of brethren J. J. James, T. H. Pritchard, R. P. Jones, C. Wooten, and R. W. Lawson, was appointed to report on the General Agency.

The committee to select delegates to the Southern Convention to be held at Augusta in May next, reported the following names: William Hooper, S. J. Wheeler, William M. Wingate—added by vote of the Convention: J. McDaniel, George W. Johnston, and A. Paul Repiton.

The Committee on Periodicals reported—Report, after remarks from brethren James, Johnston and others, was adopted.

Elder Jeter suggested that an effort be made to increase the circulation of the Recorder by pledges; whereupon, thirteen brethren agreed to take each five copies of the Recorder for one year, and several single subscribers were obtained.

On motion of brother Jordan—

Resolved, That the Home and Foreign Journal, a monthly periodical published at Richmond, the organ of the Southern Baptist Convention, be recommended to the patronage of the Churches of this State.

After interesting speeches from several of the members, the resolution was adopted.

The Committee to nominate Preachers for the next session of the Convention reported the following: Introductory Sermon, J. B. Solomon, R. I. Devin alternate; Missionary Sermon, J. McDaniel, T. W. Tobey, alternate; Valedictory Sermon, William M. Wingate, W. T. Brooks, alternate.

Received a letter from the Moderator of the Cape Fear Association, which was read and ordered to be printed.

The Committee to fill vacancies in the Board of Trus-

tees of Wake Forest College presented the names of J. B. Solomon, C. D. Ellis, R. McRackan, R. H. Griffith.

The Committee on New Fields of Labor, made their Report, which, after remarks from Elders Tobey and Griffith with special reference to Greensboro,' and from Elders Dodson and Solomon with reference to Salisbury, was adopted. [See Appendix.]

Adjourned. Prayer by brother Pearcy.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention opened with prayer by Brother Blackwood.

The members' names were called, and the Record of Friday read and approved.

The Committee appointed for the purpose reported a Board of Managers for the Convention. The Report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Report on Indian Missions was read and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Committee on Church Extension presented their report, which was received and adopted. [See Appendix.]

A letter from the church at Goldsboro was received and read. Brother Yarbro submitted a motion recommending to the Board of the Convention to secure the services of a suitable minister to preach all his time in Goldsboro.—After some very appropriate and touching remarks by brother Wood, a member of the church in Goldsboro, the motion was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The committee on Foreign Missions reported; and, after interesting remarks from brethren Pearcy and Jeter, the Report was adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention recommend to the Pastors and Churches of its denomination, to adopt some systematic plan for raising contributions for the objects of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Pastors present be invited to pledge themselves to bring before their respective churches annually the various objects patronized by this Convention, and that they obtain, as far as practicable, from their members contributions for them.

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to employ such means as they may deem proper to induce the Pastors not present, and churches not having Pastors, to make the same pledge.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again Monday morning at 8 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by brother Crockett.

MONDAY, 8 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

After reading the Scriptures and singing by the President, brother Yarbro led in prayer.

The Roll was called, and the proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

The Report on the General Agency was read and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Committee on Education submitted their Report, which was adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion,

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be instructed to have forwarded to the address of each Pastor in the State a copy of the Minutes, as soon as they are issued, and draw upon the Treasurer for the necessary funds to pay the postage on the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to R. A. Ezell, Esq., for his kind offer to instruct gratuitously at his school, a young brother who is now being educated with a view to the ministry in the Baptist Church.

The Report on Special Changes was read and adopted. [See Appendix.]

Ordered, that 1500 copies of the Minutes of Convention be printed, and that the Secretary be allowed $25 for his services.

It was moved and carried, that the Secretary be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the necessary funds to defray the expenses attending the distribution of the Minutes.

On motion,

Resolved, That brother Crockett be allowed to present the claims of Indian Missions in the Baptist church this evening at 7 o'clock.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Convention adjourned to the Masonic Hall, to allow religious services to be held in the church.

On motion,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be and is hereby tendered to the citizens of Warrenton for their generous hospitality to the members of this Convention—to Messrs. Graves and Wilcox, the Trustees of the Male Academy, and the Masonic Fraternity, for the use of their school-rooms and hall, and also to the Officers of the several Rail-road Companies for return tickets issued to the delegates and visitors in attendance upon the meeting of the body.

The regular business being finished, the Convention on motion, prepared to adjourn. The President called upon bro. W. H. Jordan to address the members present before parting. The remarks of the speaker were pertinent, pa-

thetic and impressive. Brother Pearcey then offered an appropriate prayer, and the Convention adjourned, after having had a most harmonious, pleasant and effective session, to meet in the City of Raleigh, Wednesday before the 2nd Lord's day in Noxember, 1856.

JAMES McDANIEL, *President.*

G. W. JOHNSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

P. S. Interesting Mass Meetings were held at the Baptist church as follows:

For Foreign Missions on Friday evening. Addresses were delivered by Elders Tobey, Pearcey and Jeter, and a collection taken up.

For Education, on Saturday evening. Addresses by Elders Finch, Pritchard and Jeter, followed by a collection.

For Domestic Missions, on Sunday evening. Elders Skinner, Griffith and Bradford addressed the audience, and a collection was made.

For amount of collections, see Treasurer's Report in the Appendix.

On Sabbath divine services were held at the following places, viz: Baptist Church, Male Academy, and School-Room of the Warrenton Female Institute. The sermons delivered on the different occasions by the brethren appointed to the different services were well received, and productive, we trust and believe, of great good to the cause of our common Master.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

WARRENTON, Nov. 12, 1855.

Board opened its session in due form—J. J. James in the chair.

Brethren J. A. Stradley and A. J. Kelly, from the bounds of the Western Baptist Convention, were recommended as suitable persons to be adopted as Beneficiaries of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

On motion, they were received, and directed to commence a course of study at Wake Forest College—subject to an examination and the final decision of the Board at its next meeting.

It appearing that there was more business before the Board than could be attended to, at this meeting, the Board agreed to adjourn to meet at Wake Forest College on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in December next.—Prayer by Bro. Averett.

J. J. JAMES, *Chairman.*

G. W. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

North Carolina Baptist Bible and Publication Society.

N. C. Baptist and Publication Society met Saturday evening in the Baptist church. Elder J. J. James in the chair, who, after appropriate remarks, resigned as the presiding officer of the Society.

Brethren Isaac Winston, J. C. Averitt, and James McDaniel paid in one dollar each to renew their annual membership. On motion, a committee consisting of S. S. Biddle, A. D. Blackwood and T. S. Yarbro was appointed to nominate officers and a Board of Managers. The officers nominated were—

W. M. WINGATE, *President.*

W. H. JORDAN, JAMES S. PURIFY and HAMILTON HESTER, *Vice Presidents.*

ROBERT M. JONES, *Treasurer.*

W. T. BROOKS, *Secretary.*

P. F. PESCUD, *Auditor.*

J. J. JAMES, *Depository Agent.*

Board of Managers—

S. S. Biddle, W. T. Walters, G. W. Johnston, L. Carroll, W. M. Crenshaw, Isaac Winston, F. A. Belcher, W. W. Vass, Samuel Dunn, P. A. Dunn, J. M. Brewer, Samuel Wait, A. G. Jones, R. I. Devin and E. F. Beacham.

After some remarks from Elder J. J. James in relation to the sale of books, and other matters pertaining to the future management of the Society, the Society adjourned. Benediction by Elder W. H. Jordan.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the North Carolina Bible and Publication Society, and shall be auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

ART. 2. The objects of the Society shall be to extend the circulation of the Word of God, and of religious books and publications, published under the patronage of our denomination. Also to encourage the establishment of Sabbath Schools and Sabbath School Libraries.

ART. 3. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents. Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor and Depository Agent. who shall be elected or appointed annually.

ART. 4. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Intermediate meetings of the Society, may be called by the President or two of the Vice Presidents.

Art. 5. Any person may beeome a member of the Society by the payment of one dollar annually—by the payment of ten dollars at one time, a Life Member—and by the payment of twenty-five dollars by a member of the Baptist church a Life Director, and each Baptist church or auxiliary Society shall be entitled to a delegation in the annual meetings of the Society, for every three dollars sent up.

Art. 6. Auxiliary Societies or churches contributing to the funds of the Society, shall receive one half the amount back in books.

Art. 7. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of twenty members, with the officers of the Society to be appointed annually.

Art. 8. Any auxiliary Society will be recognized as such, upon sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of their Constitution and list of officers.

Art. 9. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Society and disburse them as the Society or Board of Managers may direct and shall make an annual report to the Society of the state of its funds, and the Depository Agent shall keep the Books and Publications of the Society, and dispose of them as the Board of Managers may direct.

Art. 10. The Society shall at each annual meeting appoint one or more persons to deliver an annual address or sermon, at the next anniversary.

Art. 11. The Society or Board of Managers shall have power to appoint one or more Agents, and fix their compensation.

Art. 12. The proceedings of the Society shall be annually published with the proceedings of the Convention, at the expense of the Society

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FORM OF AN AUXILIARY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE AND BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the Bible and Baptist Publicaation Society of church or town, the object of which shall be the encouragement of the circulation of Bibles, religious books and tracts, and the establishment of one or more Sabbath Schools and libraries.

Art. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society, and its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, with a Board of nine Managers, who shall be elected annually.

Art. 3. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary shall record its proceedings; the Treasurer receive, keep, and disburse its funds according to the order of the Society; and the Librarian shall have charge of the Library.

Art. 4. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the parent State Society, one half to be returned in books at cost prices, and the other half devoted to the aid of destitute Sabbath Schools and neighborboods.

Art. 5. The Society shall meet annually, or oftener, at the call of one or more of its presiding officers. At the annual meetings, some one shall be selected to address the Society, or preach a sermon before it.

Art. 6. Any person may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its funds, or a life member, by the contribution at one time, of the sum of ten dollars.

Baptist Church Extension Society of North Carolina.

FRIDAY, Nov. 9th, 1855.

Life Members–J. J. James, T. S. Yarbro, J. S. Purify, J. P. Montague.

Elder E. Dodson was called to the chair. Prayer by Elder G. M. L. Finch.

Brethren W. W. Shemwell and W. M. Crenshaw became annual members, and paid $1 each. The following paid their annual subscription, viz: J. McDaniel, S. S. Biddle, B. F. Hallet, H. G. Lucas and S. J. Wheeler. The constitution and proceedings of the last meeting were read. The report of the Board of Trustees was read and adopted, and ordered to be printed.

On motion, the Society adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

The Society met again at 1 1-2 p. m., and elected the following brethren members of the Board of Trustees, viz:

G. C. Moore, *President;* W. H. Jordan, S. S. Biddle, *Vice Presidents;* S. J. Wheeler, *Corresponding and Recording Secretary;* William Hooper, Q. H. Trotman, James Delk, B. A. Spires, A. McDowell, J. W. Barnes, H. Lennon, J. H. Lassiter, W. W. Mitchell, C. D. Ellis, J. C. Stevenson, Benj. Oliver, James McDaniel, P. F. Pescud, Amos Weaver, Elias Dodson, B. J. Hackney, T. W. Tobey, W. J. Blackwood.

On motion, the Society adjourned until Friday of the next session of the N. C. Baptist Convention: benediction by the chairman. E. DODSON, *Chairman.*

S. J. WHEELER, *Secretary.*

Annual Report

Of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Church Extension Society of North Carolina.

In presenting their annual report, the trustees of the B. C. E. Society of N. C. would reiterate their conviction of the necessity and utility of our organization.

The Board met at the time designated by the Society in the Baptist church in Murfreesboro, viz: on the first Saturday in November, 1854, and proceeded to organization. Hoping that our treasury might be filled without the intervention of an agent, a circular was published requesting every church in the State to take up collections in aid of the Society, but owing to causes to the Board unknown, the appeal was unheeded, or if heeded, the results have

not been heard from. At a subsequent meeting, the Board became satisfied that no effective amount could be raised without a direct appeal to the churches and members for contributions by an agent; accordingly they tendered the agency to our esteemed brother, the late Elder W. C. Patterson of Randolph, but that good man has been called away to his heavenly rest, and we are not aware that he was ever able to operate for the Society at all.

Thwarted thus the Board have been unable to effect much. While petitions have been presented from fields suffering for aid, our hearts have been saddened. But we are not discouraged, for the churches give evidence that the object of this Society lies near their heart.

A portion of the Board have had interviews with a brother in the ministry, whose praise is among the churches, and we are happy to learn that his services can be obtained for the agency. The board, however, leave the appointment to the Society, as it is on the eve of its anniversary.

Invoking the Divine blessing on your deliberation, we submit to your body this, our first annual report.

G. C. MOORE, *Chairman.*

S. J. WHEELER, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

Report of the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in presenting this, their twenty-sixth annual report, would gratefully acknowledge the kind providence of God in sparing the lives of themselves, their agents, missionaries and beneficiaries since your last meeting, and in enabling them to prosecute, with some degree of success, the important interests committed to their care.

HOME MISSIONS.

At the first quarterly meeting of the Board held at Wake Forest College, Dec. 2nd, 1854, a letter was read from Elder Robert B. Jones accepting the appointment, previously tendered him, to preach two Sundays in the month, in the town of Charlotte.

He has performed his duty faithfully, and his reports afford an encouraging prospect of good results.

Though but few have been baptized, a church has been constituted during the year, and a sufficient amount of funds raised to build a comfortable house of worship.—The house is now under contract, and will soon be completed.

At the same time, Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed to preach once a month in the town of Wadesboro.—He accepted the appointment, and has preached regularly as desired by the Board, but with what success we have not been informed. He will doubtless report to the Convention.

At the same time Eld. J. J. James was appointed to preach twice a month in the town of Goldsboro. He accepted the appointment, and has performed the service.—Goldsboro is a prosperous and rapidly growing town, and should be occupied as speedily as possible. We have there a small church, but no house of worship. Elder James has started a subscription for the purpose of building a house, but has not as yet secured a sufficient sum to

erect such a house as it is thought we ought to have in Golbsboro.

At a meeting of the Board held Jan. 20th, 1855, Elder Haynes Lennon was appointed to preach one Sabbath-evening in each month in the town of Lumberton. He accepted the appointment, and has performed the service desired, but the Board have received no report, as to the success of his labors.

Also appointed Elders W. M. Wingate and W. T. Walters to preach alternately two Sundays in the month, in the town of Franklinton. In this place we have neither church nor house of worship; but by the courtesy of Mr. D. S. Richardson, Principal of the Franklin Institute, our brethren have been permitted to occupy his academy building for their services. They reported good congregations and a growing interest.

Also, appointed Elder W. T. Brooks to preach one Sunday in the month in the town of Henderson. In this town we have neither church nor house of worship; but through the polite invitation of our Methodist friends, Bro. Brooks has preached regularly once a month in their house of worship.

He has had good and attentive congregations and thinks if we had a house of our own, a Baptist church might be built up there. At the same meeting, on the recommendation of the Beulah Association, and a pledge for their support, Elders Elias Dodson and Stinceon Ivey were appointed missionaries for that Association.

At a meeting of the Board held April 28th, 1855, Elder Thomas Lansdell was appointed to preach in the town of Tarboro until the meeting of the Convention. He accepted the appointment, but from him we have had no report.

At the same meeting, Elder J. D. Elwell was, on the recommendation of the Pamlico Association, appointed to labor in their bounds, the Association to provide for his support.

At a called meeting of the Board held June 15th, Bro. B. F. Marable was appointed to preach weekly in the town of Greensboro until the end of the present year.—This appointment brother Marable declined, in order to prosecute a course of Theological study at Furman University in South Carolina. No person has yet been found to occupy that important field.

Several of the stations now occupied under appointment from the Board are occupied but partially, by men

engaged in other pursuits, who give their occasional labors gratuitously, or at least without any promise or expectation of aid from the Board; and many important fields are wholly neglected, because the Board have neither the men nor the means to occupy them.

During the last winter and spring Eld. Jonathan Davis of South Carolina, under appointment from the Domestic Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, impelled by a martyrlike devotion to the cause of his master, entered our State and visited some of our Associations and churches. Though he was well received and encouraged in his mission, yet the infirmities of age and previous misfortune, together with a new misfortune which befel him while in our State, compelled him to return to his family where he has since died.

Elder A. C. Dayton, agent for the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Elder G. F. H. Crockett, agent for Indian Missions, have each spent a portion of time in our State, since your last meeting, in collecting funds for their respective objects.

EDUCATION.

During the present year the Board have examined and received, as beneficiaries, six young brethren and placed them at Wake Forest College, which with three previously there, make nine now under the direction of the Board. This is a larger number than they have ever had at any previous time, and is perhaps larger than they have the means of sustaining. But when they looked at the urgent demand for an increased number of ministers they could not reject them; and they sincerely trust that the denomination will not permit any of these young brethren to be dismissed for the want of funds to sustain them. The Board regard this, at the present time, as the most important department of our benevolent enterprise, because it is to this department, mainly that we are to look for ministers to occupy the important fields that God, in his providence, is constantly throwing open to our denomination, both in our own country and in foreign lands.

The reports from the Faculty of the College show a commendable degree of dilligence and success in the beneficiaries of the Convention. Among them are some young men of more than ordinary promise, and the Board would commend these young brethren to the prayers and benevolent contributions of the Denomination upon whom

they are dependent for support while they are laboring to qualify themselves for the responsible work of the gospel ministry.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

For this object there has been no regular agent in our State until August last, when Elder Elias Dodson, for many years the faithful and efficient missionary of the Beulah Association, accepted an appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to travel for them in this State. With the aid of Bro. Dodson in this department, the General Agent of the Convention may hereafter confine his labors more particularly to raising funds for Education and Home Missions; and thus it is hoped that a much larger amount will be raised for the several objects of the Convention than heretofore.

The amounts expended for missionary labor and other purposes will appear in the Treasurer's report, which will be presented at your present meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, *Chairman.*

A. McDOWELL, *Secretary.*

Agent's Report.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, I have, on account of some personal affliction and some business engagements, been enabled to labor only about nine months in the service of your Board. During this time, however, I have visited all the Associations in the Eastern and middle portions of this State; but in some of these my labors were necessarily quite limited.

Early in the Spring I visited the churches in the Pamlico and Chowan Asso'ns, and hoped to be present at the meeting of both these bodies, but was prevented by sickness; on account of which my receipts are less than they otherwise would have been. I have endeavored to awaken the spirit of true christian benevolence in our churches, and to secure the voluntary action of our brethren in the support of our institions. My experience teaches me that the liberality and public spirit of our churches are to measure generally by the corresponding virtues of those who minister to them in holy things. It will follow, therefore, that if this Convention can secure the voluntary co-operation of our minstry, it will also secure that of our brethren generally.

From the pressure of the times and circumstances mentioned above, our receipts are far less this year than last, and far less than we would have desired. For Foreign Missions I have collected in cash $200; for Home Missions $300; and for Education $360.27—making a total of $860.27. There are upon our books several hundred dollars yet unpaid. I have during the year attended several interesting meetings, and witnessed with pleasure many conversions. I have also been instrumental in inducing several young brethren to commence a regular course of study in reference to the ministry. With this report I anticipate closing my labors as the General Agent of the Convention, as I conceive that duty calls me to labor in a different field. It is not without sincere regret that I thus separate myself to some extent from the dear brethren among whom I have been laboring for the last several years. I hope however, that my place will be filled by some one far better able to place the cause of the perishing heathen in our own and foreign lands. May the blessing of our gracious Redeemer rest upon the Convention and all connected therewith, in works of faith and labors of love. T. S. YARBRO, Agent.

Report on New Fields of Labor.

Your Committee regard the destitution of the gospel as very great, especially in towns. We have neglected towns, though we have done a great deal in the country. We lose much by neglecting towns and villages. People are more liberal in the support of ministers in towns than in the country. A man worth $2000 or $3000 in a town frequently gives more than another in a country who is worth $100,000. In a certain city a poor man who had a salary of $400, and who had a family to support give his pastor $100. Where can we find such liberality in the country?

There are so many towns and villages in our State destitute of Baptist preaching that the Convention would do well to attend to them altogether, and leave the country to be provided for by the Associations. Many towns and villages are destitute, and among the number are Greensborough, Salisbury, Beaufort, Chapel Hill and Washington. These towns ought to have a preacher immediately to spend one half of his time at each place.

E. DODSON, Chm'n.

Report on Indian Missions.

Your committee on Indian Missions beg leave to report,

That tho' it is a subject of much interest, they can do little more than glance at a few of its prominent features in the space allowed them.

As immortal beings, and as the original and proper owners of the soil of this western world, who have been driven from their homes, in many instances by force and without compensation for their land, the INDIANS have claims upon the Anglo-American people, as christians, patriots and philanthropists.

The cruelties inflicted upon them by the Europeans, especially the Spaniards, in the conquest of North and South America and the West Indies, were unsurpassed by any thing of the kind recorded in the history of the world. And in the dreary abodes into which many of them have been driven in more modern times, they are subjected to privations and calamities of a fearful chaarcter.

But, in this gloomy picture a bright spot now appears. Not only has much been accomplisoed by *schools and missions,* aided in some instances by the U. S. Government, some of the tribes having been civilized, have assumed the national character, adopted government laws and customs like our own, and in a good degree evangelized; but many of them are anxiously inquiring and begging us for teachers and the ANCIENT HOLY SPEECH.

The subject of Indian Missions is now claiming the attention of the Old North State, in which many have waked up to its importance; and your committee hope it will issue in much good in the amelioration of the condition of the suffering children of the forest. And judging of the future by the present and the past, we feel assured, that under God, all that is necessary to accomplish what is desired, is to have and sustain a sufficient number of self-denying men, who, like Paul, are willing to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. We need missionaries and teachers, and the prayers and free-will offerings of those who are now comfortable in the former home of the Red man, and enjoying to so great an extent the blessings of civilization, the Bible and Bible Christianity.

Among the encouraging circumstances connected with our efforts in the Indian Mission cause, are the facts, that the Indians are not idolaters, and the preaching of the

gospel among them is more successful, generally, than in any other missionary field.

In conclusion, your committee beg leave to offer and request the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches and Associations of the State, to give special attention to the subject, and to take up collections at least once a year for the purpose of helping forward the glorious enterprize of Indian Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. F. H. CROCKETT, Chm'n.

Report on Special Changes.

Your Committee on Special Changes beg leave to report :—

We would thankfully acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father in preserving the lives of so many of our brethren through another year.

Since our last Convention, God, in his All-Wise Providence, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brethren, Elders JOHN PURIFY and WM. C. PATTERSON. They have been called from their labors and toils in the church militant below, to the joys and bliss of the Church triumphant above.

Bro. Purify was long extensively and favorably known in North Carolina. He was truly a man of God ; of deep piety, and ardently devoted to the cause of the Blessed Redeemer. He was a good and true man ; a warm and devoted friend to all the objects of Convention. He lived to a good old age, and, at length, like a shock of corn fully ripe, he was gathered into the garner of the Lord, to enjoy the glorious reward which God has in reversion for the faithful.

Bro. Patterson was for several years the active and efficient agent of the North Carolina Baptist Publication Society. In its cause, and for its interests, he labored faithfully. He was an energetic brother. He did much to extend the cause of Christ, and to promote the benevolent objects of this Convention. But his work is done—he has gone to reap his reward.

Your Committee, in closing this brief and imperfect notice of these dear brethren, regret that they have neither time to write, nor data upon which to found, a report that will do justice to the loved ones who have labored so faithfully and efficiently in the vineyard of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted, R. I. DEVIN, Chm'n.

Report on Church Extension.

Your Committee on Church Extension ask leave to report:—

That, with reference to edifices for religious service, they view the present time as eminently an age of Church Extension. All denominations of Christians are in motion to have good church buildings; and with sleepless vigilance and unstaying expedition, pre-occupation is had of all those sites which promise the most effect and the greatest good. Not a single eligible spot in our State will much longer remain unoccupied. The church-going bell will soon be tolling on Sabbath morning through every populous neighborhood in North Carolina.

How unspeakably important it is, that those who assemble at the ringing of these bells shall listen to the uncorrupted word of God. But if Baptists delay to build them houses, then these faithful witnesses for God will be excluded; and, instead of standing forth to publish and defend the truth, they will have to shrink into corners to confess the guilt of their neglect, and mourn for Zion's desolations.

It is evident that Baptists have less cause to lament the want of means to build, than the want of inclination to use the means they already have; and, neglecting to employ their ready resources, they cannot justly claim creditable regard from their brethren of other denominations.

The Baptists ought to feel themselves called upon to erect suitable houses at several points; two of which may be named as beginnings, namely: Goldsboro' and Salisbury. We hope that the Church Extension Society will immediately exert themselves to supply those two places, and others, as quick as possible.

Your Committee highly approve the objects of said Society; hope for unremitted energy from them; and pray for their greatest successes.

All of which is humbly and prayerfully submitted.

MARK BENNETT, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions.

Your Committee, who were appointed to report on Home Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

We deem the sending of the Gospel to the destitute in

our own midst, a subject to which too much attention cannot be called. And, if we should say that it is a subject of the *first* and greatest importance, we do not know that we should go beyond the limits of truth.

There are a vast number of country places and towns in our State destitute of the living ministry. There are a number of towns where the Sabbath sun arises and walks his meridian pathway, but the solemn tones of the church-going bell are never heard; where twilight gilds the western sky, but no praises are sung to Jehovah; where the bar-room, the oath, and the obscene song take the place of God's worship. The inhabitants of these places are our fellow mortals; they have souls which, unless redeemed by the blood of Christ, must perish forever, and feel the gnawings of the worm which never dies, and feel the lashings of the flame that shall never be quenched. They *must* be lost or saved; but how can they be saved without hearing the Gospel—for faith cometh by hearing?—and how can the ministers preach unless they be sent? and who is to send them?

Again: There are places in our State, where there is preaching—where the gospel is partly preached; but where the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, as it is in Jesus, is never preached. The gospel is held up, but men are taught to look at it through spectacles, and these spectacles are made of Disciplines, Prayer Books, and Confessions of Faith. The Truth, as a whole, is never preached; part of it is preached, and the remainder is none other than the commandments of men. More than this: The solemn ordinances of God's House are held up to public ridicule and contempt, and men are thus taught to make light of, and to pay no attention to, the positive commandments of Jesus Christ.

When these things are taken into serious consideration, it does seem to your Committee that the cause of Home Missions is one which should be dear as life to every Baptist.

In almost every part of the Old North State, fields of labor may be found for the missionary; fields which are already ripe and waiting for the sickle; fields where hundreds are perishing for lack of knowledge; fields where the gospel should be preached in its purity, and where people should be taught to read that gospel without the help of glasses.

Your Committee would, in view of these things, earnestly recommend that the Baptists awake from their sleep of lethargy; that they arouse from their cold indifference; that they open their hearts and their purses, give liberally, and send forth more missionaries in our own midst. And when these missionaries go forth, follow them with earnest, faithful, and unceasing prayer. When this is done, we may expect to see our cause prosper, and have our hearts made glad because of the presence of the Lord.

In conclusion, we do earnestly ask that the Bapists of North Carolina give more to, and pray more for the cause of Home Missions than heretofore.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
THO'S LANSDELL, Chairman.

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REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS IN THE CHOWAN ASSOCIATION.

We have had three missionaries in the field a part of the time, during the last associational year; Brethren J. B. Webb, Etherege and Delbrige.

Brother Webb has been engaged 72 days, traveled 891 miles, preached 36 sermons, delivered 28 exhortations, and has been instrumental in building up a church near Richsquare, in Northampton county, known by the name of Corinth; has received for his services $13, (expenses two dollars and ninety-six cents,) leaving a balance due him of sixty-one dollars and ninety-six cents.

Brother Etherege has been engaged 41 days, traveled 575 miles, and preached 46 sermons; during which time he has been instrumental in reviving and building up one of the oldest churches in the Association, viz: Salem Church, in Pasquotank county; has received twelve dollars and fifty cents, (expenses one dollar and seventy cents,) leaving a balance due him of thirty dollars and twenty cents.

Brother Delbrige has been engaged 65 days, traveled 803 miles, preached 44 sermons, 16 exhortations; he has received three dollars and sixty-four cents for his services, (expenses three dollars and seventy-five cents,) balance due him, sixty-five dollars.

The aggregate amount of our indebtedness is one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixteen cents.

Brother Webb has baptised 34, Brother Etherege 9, Brother Delbrige 17. Total number baptised 60.

Big Branch, Robeson County, N. C., }
October 27th, 1855. }

To the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Domestic Missionary Board in Cape Fear Baptist Association have for the past year, ending the 4th Sabbath in October, 1855, employed the following missionaries, to wit:

Elder P. C. Connelly, 183 days, and paid him one hundred and eighty-three dollars.

Elder F. Prevatt, 196 days, and paid him one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-five cents.

Elder W. B. Ballard, 99 days, and paid him one hundred and thirty-one dollars and ten cents.

Elder W. Ayres, 30 days, and paid him thirty dollars.

Elder D. B. Ayres, 17 days, and paid him seventeen dollars.

Funds expended for missionary purposes, five hundred and sixty dollars and eighty-five cents.

Collected for the Southern Bible Board for distribution in China, fifty dollars.

We have delegated the following persons as Members to the Baptist State Convention, viz: Elders A. Paul Repelon, Wm. Ayres, D. B. Ayres, G. W. Hill, G. W. Lennon, P. C. Connelly, F. Prevatt, W. B. Ballard; and brethren B. Freeman, John G. Powell, Alva Smith, H. T. Pope, R. M. McRackan, James A. Rozier, Arthur Melvin, B. Lennon, John B. Thompson, Elijah Johnson.

Done by order: HAYNES LENNON, Pres't.

ROB'T M. MCRACKAN, Secretary.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave respectfully to report:

That it must be a subject of fervent congratulation among Christians, that the general mind of Christendom appears to be waking up, more and more, to the claims of the heathen, and the consequent obligations of the desciples of Christ. And it requires only a little reflection to bring on a state of wonder, not that the Christian world is so much excited on the subject, but rather that it has so long slumbered in an unbelieving apathy, and that it has waked up so late to feeling and to effort on this momentous concern. When the desciples of Christ in Eng-

land, about the close of the last century, began to think and pray and confer with one another on the meaning and the obligation of their Savior's last commission: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,—they did not hesitate in coming to the conclusion that it was a plain and pressing duty to send the gospel to heathen lands; and as soon as they began to act, their minds were more and more stirred and agitated with the grand idea. They looked at one another and exchanged expressions of amazement and self-reproach, that they could so long have thought themselves Christians, without having missions to the idolatrous Pagan world. It was a cutting reproof which some poor heathen convert gave to a missionary of the East: "You tell me," said he, "that there is a Heaven, and that there is a hell; and that the Son of God came down from Heaven to save us from the one and raise us to the other, and that it is eighteen hundred years since you Christians have known this. How comes it, then, that it has been so long in getting to our ears?" The inquiry implied the disgraceful charge: Either you christians do not believe your own religion, or you have no hearts for your unhappy fellow-men.

But it is a subject for thankfulness and rejoicing, that *now* the mass of professors of christianity has become so roused up to this duty that no religious sect is so obscure and unambitious as to be willing to go without a share in the credit and reputation of missions. They feel that they cannot sustain themselves with decency in the community of christian bodies if they let others have the monopoly of this glorious field; if they do do not have *their* mark too among the stations on the missionary map of the globe. Missionary glory has become essential to the on ward character of a church as well as to its inward health and vigor; and now we all begin to feel, that a zeal for missions is the text to determine the amount of life and intelligence that exists in any society of christians; and that a report of heathen converts is necessary to convince the world and to convince our own people "that God is with us of a truth." When we say that an announcement of heathen converts is necessary as a sign that God is with us, we mean *real* converts, not merely crowds of baptized persons induced to put on the badge of christianity for the sake of bringing to the church spiritual domination, or enabling it to boast of successful proselytism. The Savior's awful rebuke to the Pharisees: "Ye compass sea

and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made ye make him two fold more the child of hell than yourselves," cuts off all boasting of mere nominal converts. No; we mean not such national conversions as this, of which the middle ages furnish us examples enough—examples for warning rather than imitation. Clovis, the heathen king of the Franks, married a christian princess and being hard pressed in battle called for help upon the God of his Queen. The battle resulted in his favor, upon which he was baptized with several thousands of his subjects, both men and women. Were we to desire such converts as these, a regiment of mounted dragoons would be a far more appropriate band of missionaries than the meek and peaceful men whom we send abroad. The only converts we desire or labor for are regenerated, transformed men and women such as the Corinthians became after the Apostles's ministry among them. They had been "drunkards, thieves, idolaters, murderers, adulterers, extortioners, revilers and such like," but they were now washed, and sanctified, and made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. Equally astonishing changes have marked modern missions when undertaken, and carried on with apostolic faith and love, proving that Christ's promise of being with us ministers to the end of the world has not failed. In America, in Africa, in Asia, the prophet's beautiful emblems have been realized: the lion and the wolf have become lambs, the asp has lost its venom; and the little child plays with the crested basilisk. Of such fruits resulting from modern missions sang the christian poet:

They *were* what base credulity believes
True christians are: dissembles, drunkards, thieves;
The full-gorged savage, at his nauseous feast
Spent half the darkness and snored out the rest
What are they now?
The wretch who once sang wildly, danced and laughed,
And sucked in dizzy madness with his draught,
Has wept a silent flood reversed his ways
Is sober, meek, benevolent, and prays.
Feeds sparingly, communicates his store,
Abhors the craft he boasted of before,
And he that stole has learned to steal no more.

Such blessed credentials as these has God honored our missions with. These are our trophies. These are the first-fruits which we present unto the Lord of the harvest saying: "Here are we and the children whom thou hast given us."

The Baptists of North Carolina have, we rejoice to say, entered with newly awakened ardor on this field of honorable competition. They feel as if they had remained too long, with folded hands, subjecting themselves to this humiliating reproach from their master and their brethren: "Others are toiling in the field; why stand ye here, all the day, idle?" That their inaction has not been attributable to want of heart or want of funds is demonstrated whenever the minds of our people are properly awakened and appealed to. Let any brother full of missionary zeal come among us, and present to us with proper earnestness what is expected of our faith, of our character and of our wealth,—straightway the hearts of our people melt under the appeal, and their purses are opened and poured into the treasury of God. But we hope, after all the sums raised among us for this holy purpose, that our pecuniary contributions are by no means the measure and guage of our missionary zeal. We can say in apology for the smallness of our contributions, that a large portion of our people are poor in the wealth of this world—that not many of the rich, not many of the mighty are numbered in our churches, and therefore the aggregate of our donations makes the less figure, even tho' our abler members may give liberally. We hope, however, that our whole body will be stirred up to add to their liberality, and if they have hitherto done much, that they will still more abound, as God may have prospered them, and he *has* prospered them. Let us be stimulated, dear brethren, by the words of our Lord: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and that "whosoever shall give to a disciple a cup of cold water, shall in no wise lose his reward." But what shall become of us in the great day of Jesus Christ when we and the heathen converts shall face each other at the judgment bar, if it can be said of us that we have had no part or lot in giving the cup of living water to these poor gathered outcasts of the Gentiles, and if the Searcher of hearts shall spurn all our professions of personal attachment to himself by that awful word of reprobation: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it not to me."

W. HOOPER, Chm'n.

Report on Periodicals.

The present is a reading age. More attention than has ever before been given, is now bestowed upon periodical literature. Some of the most gifted and best cultivated minds are engaged in preparing the articles which from time to time are given to the reading public.

It is well understood, that for the promotion of the best interests of a Denomination of Christians, a well-conducted religious journal is absolutely essential. The Baptists of N. C. may say with propriety that in The Biblical Recorder they have a paper of this character. Its Editor has shown that he well understands the principles of the Baptists, and is fully prepared to defend them against the attacks of their enemies.

It is a matter of regret that the circulation of this paper is not as extensive as in justice to the Denomination, and in justice to the Editor, it should be. Every Baptist family in the State should weekly receive a copy of The Biblical Recorder.

The Committee recommend the passage of the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That we deem it highly important at the present time to increase the circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

Resolved, That we will do this, and to this end each member of the Convention be requested to make personal effort before our next meeting to obtain as many new subscribers as possible.

T. W. TOBEY.

Report on the General Agency.

The committee on the Agency offer the following as their report:

That this Convention appoint no general traveling Agent, but rely upon the churches to raise the amount needed to sustain the cause of missions and ministerial education by voluntary contributions of the churches.

J. J. JAMES, Chm'n.

Report on Education.

Your committee, appointed on that part of the Board's annual report which refers to the education of the ministry, beg leave to submit their report.

Education occupies one of the first places among mod-

ern enterprises. Common Schools, academies, and schools of higher order, both for males and females, are being established in our State. For the education of our sons, there is Wake Forest College and a number of academies in successful operation. For the education of our daughters, there is the College at Oxford, the Collegiate Institute at Murfreesboro', and others of an inferior but respectable grade. These seminaries of learning, we regard as worthy the patronage of the denomination and public generally. The means of education are now within the reach of almost every one: and the people being more generally and thoroughly instructed, require an enlightened ministry.

Your committee learn with pleasure that there are nine beneficiaries at W. F. College, preparing for the ministry: but it is with sincere regret they learn that this number is probably more, than the amount of funds usually contributed for this purpose, will support.

The education of our young ministers is properly regarded as your most important, benevolent enterprise.—Through this instrumentality, ministers are to be furnished for important stations, both at home and abroad. And if the funds for ministerial education, were annually increased, no doubt the number of beneficiaries would also be greatly increased, and much more good would be accomplished.

In view of the above facts, your committee would recommend to the favorable consideration of the Convention the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is a matter of gratitude that there are presented to our youth, so many opportunities for the acquisition of useful knowledge.

2. *Resolved*, That in consideration of the increased number of our beneficiaries, and the low state of the treasury, our contributions to the education fund, should be greatly enlarged.

3. *Resolved*, That the present crisis demand of us an educated ministry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. A. PURIFY, Chm'n.

Collections.

Sabbath Night Collection for Home Missions.

UNPAID.—Gilford Lewis $10, C Wooten 20, Eliza Wooten 5, M Bennett 30, W M Crenshaw 10, A D Blackwood 5, J W Holt 5, W A Thompson 5, J McCraw 5, G R Sledge 5, John R Johnson 5, E P Powell 5, B B Perkinson 5—$115.

PAID—W M Wingate $10, S S Biddle 10, T J Pitchford 10, Wm Lawson 10, T J Holt 10, John Watson 5, J J James 5, T S Yarbro 5, Benj Holt 5, G M L Finch 5, C J Egerton 5, R B Jones 5, H Horton 5, S H Cannady 5, W B Williams 5, Collection 17—$117. Total $232.

Collection on Friday Night for Foreign Missions.

UNPAID.—O P Luther $5, G Lewis 5, Mary Collins 5—$15.

PAID.—John Watson 5, T J Pritchard 5, J C McCraw 5, Martha Bowers 5, W H and A W Jordan 5, John W Powell 5, Jas B Bowers 5, G Bradford 10, J S Purify 5, S S Biddle 5, R W Lawson 10, D A Harris 5, T Wilcox 5, J Wood 5, J S Battle 5, C Wooten 10, E Dodson 5, — Hallett 5, J J James 5, A P Repiton 5, T W Tobey 5, T S Yarbro 5, Mrs A M Lewis 5, Mrs V L Jones 5, J B Cauthen 5, W T Walters 5, S H Cannady 5, Collection 25—$175.
Total $190.

Collection Saturday Night for Education.

UNPAID—A W Lewis $10, G Bradford 20, W B Shimwell 10, B D Rice 10, Miss Sally Clark 5, Wm P Solomon 10, E P Powell 5—70.

PAID—J J James $20, Tho Skinner 20, Wm Lawson 30, J S Purify 20, W M Wingate 20, L Simmons 10, S S Biddle 10, Council Wooten 20, John Watson 5, Paul Palmer 5, E Dodson 5, Isaac Winston 5, T S Yarbro 5, G F H Crocket 5, R I Devin 5, J Hobgood 5, Jonathan Wood 5, E T Rice 5, Miss Lillias McDaniel 5, E J Justice 5, W B Williams 5, W H Mitchell 5, A C McCraw 5, J T W Taney 5, Mrs E Pitchford 5, Mrs India Purify 5, A M Faison 5, J P Faison 5, J W Holt 5, Collection 14 40—$269 40.
Total $339 40.

Treasurer's Report.

JAMES S. PURIFY, TREASURER, Dr.,
To N. C. B. S. Convention, 1855.

DR.	H M	F M	ED	TOTAL
To balance on hand last year,	376 15		676 69	1052 84
Received of M A Powell,			2 50	2 50
" S S Biddle, leg'y of Miss Tilman,	60 00			60
" T S Yarbro,	300 00	200 00	360 27	860 27
" Yates' Com'e Ral Asso for Yates,		316 63		316 63
" Finance Committee,	405 27	598 85	364 04	1368 16
" Cashie Church,	16 50	16 50	17 00	50
" Collectors at Con Indian Miss,	6 87			6 87
" Yanceyville ch "	3 00			3
" Cashie ch paid to J B Taylor,		20 00		20
" Elizabeth City "		8 00		8
" Republican church "		10 00		10
" Sawyer's Creek "		25 00		25
" Murfreesboro, "		21 39		21 39
" Shady Grove, "		8 00		8
" Expended by Cape Fear Asso	560 85			560 85
" Cape F Asso China Bible,		50 00		50
" Concord Bible Society,		9 50		9 50
" Cash collections at Convention,	117 00	175 00	239 40	561 40
" Interest on Marriott Fund for the education of ministers to July 55			219 69	219 69
	1845 64	1458 87	1909 59	5214 10
CR.				
Paid T S Yarbro's Trav'g Expenses,	8 00	8 00	7 40	23 40
" T S Yarbro, Agent,	125 00	126 00	125 00	376
" W T Brooks, board of E F Beachum and F H Ivey for 1855,			190 00	190
" J J James, H M, to Goldsboro,	150 00			150
" G F H Crocket for Ind Missions,	38 86			38 86
" J B Taylor for S Board [reported]		108 79		108 79
" S Board by Wilmington church,		189 74		189 74
" Expended by Union Association,	104 65			104 65
" Paid So Bd Chowan F Institute,		35 00		35
" " " Warrenton church,		21 00		21
" " " Reedy Creek ch,		10 00		10
" Union Associa'n [appropriation]	289 00			289
" Expended by Cape Fear Asso	560 85			560 85
" Southern Bd for China Bible,		59 50		59 50
" Thos Lansdell, H M in full,	120 83			120 83
" A McDowell, Secretary expenses,	9 00	9 22	9 00	27 22
" A D Blackwood, H M, in full,	100 00			100
" Prir ting Minutes,	22 00	22 00	21 00	65
" Board of R R Moore, M Baldwin, B F Cole, E A Poe, L Ashton, J C Shannon, J J Kelly, J A Stradley, F A Belcher, 1855,			633 40	633 40
" W T Walters, Burser, Tuition of Baldwin, Beachum, Cole, Ashton, Moore, Poe, Shannon, Belcher, Ivey, Beneficiaries,			439 00	439
" South Board for M T Yates,		316 63		316 63

Treasurer's Report---Continued.

	H M	F M	ED	TOTAL
Paid So Board for Foreign Missions,		552 99		552 99
	1528 19	1458 87	1424 80	4411 86
Balance on hand,	317 45		484 79	802 24
	1845 64		1909 59	5214 10

JAMES S. PURIFY, Treasurer.

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

W. T. BROOKS, Auditor.

Report on Finance. 1855.

	H M	F M	ED	TOTAL
Yadkin Association,	6 25	6 00	6 00	18 25
Eaton's church,	8 05	8 00	8 00	24 05
Island Ford church,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
Mrs E Hampton,	5 00			5 00
Olive Branch church,	2 00	10 00	10 00	22 00
Newbern church,	20 00	20 00	20 00	60 00
Tar River Association,	13 33	13 33	13 34	40 00
Hester's Church,	6 00	6 00	6 85	18 85
Grassy Creek church,	6 66	6 66	6 68	20 00
J C Averitt,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Red Bud church,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Juv Miss'ry Society, Fayetteville,			10 00	10 00
Yanceyville church,	5 00	5 00	7 00	17 00
Trinity,	10 00			10 00
Raleigh,	10 50		10 65	21 15
Rev Wm Hooper,		10 00		10 00
Chowan Association,	15 00	16 46	15 00	46 46
Wilmington church,		189 74		189 74
Union Association,	104 65			104 65
" "		57 08	5 00	62 08
" " Collect'n on Sabbath,	8 59	8 59	8 60	25 78
Fem Miss Society Union Hill church,	20 00	20 00		40 00
Western Convention,		20 00		20 00
Corinth church,			10 00	10 00
Pee Dee Association,	16 00	16 00	18 00	50 00
Bethel church,	7 00	7 00	7 00	21 00
Gum Spring church,		12 00		12 00
Blackwood's Chapel,	15 00		15 00	30 00
Conoconary church,	10 00			10 00
Spring Hill church,	15 00	20 00	15 00	50 00
Fayetteville church,	20 00	20 00	50 00	90 00
Mrs Harriet Whitaker,			5 00	5 00
Wake Forest College,	33 75	42 50	71 50	147 75
Bethel church,	8 50	8 50		17 00
Chow Fem Inst Dr Hooper's certificate		35 00		35 00
Brassfield's,			20 00	20 00

Report on Finance---Continued.

	H M	F M	ED	TOTAL
Hertford Church,			10 00	10 00
Reedy Creek,		10 00		10 00
Warrenton,		21 00		21 00
Cash not entered above,			5 41	5 41
Tar River Asso'n for Indian Missions,	17 43			17 43
Murfreesboro church,	11 56			11 56
	405 27	598 85	364 04	1368 16

SAM. S. BIDDLE, Chm'n.

Nov. 12, 1855.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and their successors in office, for the objects of that Convention, the sum of $, to be paid by my executors within two years after my decease."

If the donor desires it specially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Wake Forest College, incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and their successors in office, the sum of $, for the use and benefit of the said institution, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO OXFORD FEMALE COLLEGE.

I do hereby devise and bequeath to the Trustees of Oxford Female College, and their successors in office, the sum of $, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease, (or the death of my widow as the case may be.)

The donor or devisor can also state if desired, the particular object to which he or she may wish the legacy applied.

☞ Devises to Murfreesborough Female Collegiate Institute, or any other incorporated Female Institution, can be given in the same form, only substituting the name of the Institution.

A List of Life Members of Bap. State Convention of N. C.,

BY THE PAYMENT OF THIRTY DOLLARS.

Joseph B. Outlaw,
Ann L. Pope,
Delana High,
C. R. Hendrickson,
Charles W. Skinner,
David Furlow,
Rebecca Blount,
Martha Blount,
William Hooper,
B. F. Williams,
Samuel S. Biddle,
N. A. Purify,
James McDaniel,
David Wells,
Locky Simmons,
Oliver H. Dockery,
Mrs. Elizabeth Washington,
Mrs. Susan W. Graham,
A. McDowell,
John H. Lacy,
M. D. Martin Douglass,
R. W. Lawson,
P. C. Connelly,
Aaron Jones,
Mary Ann Metts,
William P. Ward,
Jos. Halsey,
Lydia Simmons,
Susanna Deans,
Edward Howell,
Elizabeth Watson,
Sarah S. McCullers,
Jemima W. Willlams,
Sarah Woodward,
Amey Bingham,
Mary J. Taylor,
Isabella G. Russell,
John Monroe,
Jane P. Williams,
Sarah Ann Butler,
Lucy Plummer,
Jordan H. Cobb,
Haynes Lennon,
Catharine White,
Samuel Wait,
Arthur Melvin,
R. McDaniel,
George W. Purify,
Susan Grady,
E. Clark,
Absolom Powell,
J. M. Webb,
J. C. Grayson,
Mrs. Mary W. Timberlake,
Mrs. M. A. Stevens,
I. Wood,
William T. Walters,
B. J. Hackney,
Mrs. Bennett,
Moses Baldwin,
W. G. Simmons,
H. Hester,
Rufus P. Jones,
Mary E. Biddle,
H. McAlpin,
Mrs. H. Whitaker,
W. M. Wingate.

Life Members by Churches.

John B. White,
William T. Brooks,
Samuel O. Tatum,
Isham Holding,
Isaac Winston,
James S. Purify,
Rufus J. Ivey,
William R. Trawick,
James B. Jackson,
Thomas W. Tobey,
David Justice,
Edward Chapel,
L. B. Horton,
Mary H. McDowell,
R. I. Devin,
A. D. Blackwood,
E. F. Beachum,
J. H. Laton,
W. M. Crenshaw,
Jno. E. Montague.

Names of Baptist Ministers in N. Car. with their P. Offices.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Ammons, Joshua	Franklin, Macon county, N C
Andrews, Levi	Hadley's Mills, Chatham,
Ayres, Darius B	Lumberton, Robeson,
Alderman, A B	Harrell's Store, New Hanover,
Atkinson, Willie A	Forestville, Wake,
Averitt, John C	Auburn, Wake,
Adams, L L	*Not known*,
Askew, N	Kinston,
Adams, W F	Bugabo, Wilks,
Adams, Z B	Brier Creek,
Blackwood, A D	Pekin,
Bradford, G	Edenton,
Best, E A	Washington,
Baldwin, S	Hadley's Mills,
Brown, W G	Hamptonville, Yadkin,
Bessent, Calvin W	Jerusalem, Davie,
Bullard, B	Leesville, Robeson,
Bennett, Joel	White Marsh, Columbus,
Bullock, Z	Fair Bluff, Columbus,
Brooks, W T	Forestville,
Bruce, Bailey	Sugar Hill, McDowell,
Beserdemain, A	Harrell's Store,
Benson, —	Moore's Creek,
Barkley, J G	Enfield,
Bazemore, S	Windsor,
Bennett, Mark	Botanic Hill,
Cansler, A J	Shelby,
Carter, H	Albemarle, Stanly,
Connelly, P C	Montpelier, Richmond,
Cobell, S	Powell's Point,
Crutchfield, Enoch	Patterson's Store,
Cobb, Jordan	Lumber Bridge, Robeson,
Chaffin, N S	Mocksville,
Corn, N P	Hendersonville,
Craig, A M	Hotel, Bertie,
Coggin, Willis	Gulph, Chatham,
Cashwell, James	Gray's Creek,
Crudup, Josiah	Franklinton,
Chastain, A C	Antioch,
Colbreath, H	Rutherfordton,
Caudle, J H	Germanton,
Chapel, W J	Mount Pisgah,

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Cheek, H	Bugabo, N C
Cliffton, J L	Piney Grove,
Crockett, G F H	Fayetteville,
Davis, E S	Gourdvine,
David, E	White's Store,
Drake, J A	Botanic Hill,
Davis, Elias	Lumberton,
Delk, James	Pitch Landing,
Dusenbury, Samuel	Allen's Bridge,
Devin, R I	Oxford, Granville,
Duty, Samuel	Oxford, Granville,
Dodson, Elias	Yanceyville,
Duncan, Charles	Madison,
Durham, J D	Shelby,
Dowd, P W	Raleigh,
Edwards, W H	Castalia, Nash,
Ellington, J F	Gulley's Store, Johnson,
Etheridge, D V	Ballard's Bridge,
Everett, H	Hotel, Bertie,
Elwell, J D	Columbia, Tyrrell,
Evans, J	Flat Rock,
Fisher, Reuben,	Ellisville,
Fennell, G W	Harrell's Store,
Forbes, E	Camden C H,
Freeman, M D	Wakefield,
Finch, G M L	Louisburg, Franklin,
Garlick, J R	Murfreesboro,
Godby, G R	Mocksville,
Gordon, C C	Warsaw,
Goforth, W	New Castle,
Goly, Robert	Summerfield, Guilford,
Guy, A	Warsaw,
Grayson, J C	Golden Valley,
Gilbert, A J	Goldston,
Griffith, R H	*Not known*,
Gulledge, Joel	Poplar Hill,
Garner, William	New Hope,
Hoggard, J N	Windsor,
Hoggard, T	Pitch Landing,
Hooper, William	Murfreesboro,
Haynes, John	Pidgeon River, Haywood,

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Haynes, William	Pidgeon River, Haywood, N C
Henson, Thomas	Scott's Creek,
Horton, L B	Wakefield,
Hart, R D	Hilliardston,
Haywood, Thomas	Pitch Landing,
Haywood, J N	Windsor,
Howell, E	Reynoldson,
Hardie, W H	Garysburg, Northampton,
Hancock, E	Hotel, Bertie,
Hutson, L	Marley's Mills, Randolph,
Hall, E	Ellisville, Bladen,
Hill, G W	White Marsh, Columbus,
Hollingsworth, W	Gray's Creek, Cumberland,
Hester, Elijah	Dutchville, Granville,
Howell, Jesse	Green Level, Wake,
Hughes, A J H	*Not known*,
Hedden, E	Fort Hembree,
Howell, William	Webb's Ford,
Huffham, G W	Faison's Depot,
Hereford, W N	Wentworth, Rockingham,
Howell, T	Jonesville, Surry,
Honrine, J T	Fayetteville,
Howell, D	Windsor,
Hackney, B J	Chapel Hill,
Ivey, S	Madison,
Johnston, G W	Greenville, Pitt,
Jacks, Job	Goldston, Chatham,
James, J J	Raleigh,
Jackson, J B	Smithfield,
Johnson, R	Auburn, Wake,
Jacks, R	Jefferson, Ashe,
Jones, R B	Mountain Island, Catawba,
Jordan, W H	Warrenton,
Jones, M W	*Not known*,
Jones, R	Summerville,
Kennedy, W M	Warsaw, Duplin,
Kuykendall, J	Flat Rock,
King, James	Blue Wing, Granville,
Kenney, A	Jackson Hill,
Kornegay, H R	Kenansville,
Land, R H	Murfreesboro,
Lansdell, J J	Elizabeth City,

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Lanear, Benjamin	*Not known*, N C
Lennon, Haynes	Big Swamp, Columbus,
Lennon, G W	Robeson,
Lovinggood, G W	Murphy,
Licer, T C	Rutherfordton,
Leary, W	Edenton,
Lineberry, William	St Lawrence,
Lansdell, T	Hillsboro,
Minor, H	Goldsboro,
McDowell, A	Murfreesboro,
Mints, William	Sholoate,
McCurry, L	Duncan's Creek,
McCrow, J M	Sandy Run,
Montague, J P	Oxford,
Montague, J E	Young's X Roads,
McDaniel, Jas	Fayetteville,
McAlpin, Hugh	Clinton, Sampson,
Moore, I	Saratoga,
Morton, E	Lilesville,
Morton, S P	Carolina Female College,
Monroe, Jno	Laurel Hill,
Miller, Thomas	Farmington,
Mengus, C B	Pidgeon River,
Mengus, J	Qualatown,
Marcom, J C	Raleigh,
Moody, R M	Collettsville,
Moobarn, P	Snow Hill,
Nowell, Mark	Wakefield,
Nowell, John	Cole Rain,
Newton, Reuben	Harrell's Store,
Niles, A N	Notley,
Noble, A M	Sholoate,
Oakley, W E	Berea,
Olive, J	New Hill,
Patterson, W C	Columbia Factory,
Purify, G W	Chapel Hill,
Pierce, E	Plymouth,
Purify, John	Northington,
Purify, N A	Warrenton,
Purify, J S	Forestville,

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Perkinson, L C	Warrenton, N C
Poindexter, J A	Siloam,
Pritchard, Jos	Mocksville,
Prevatt, F	Leesville,
Pearce, P	Warrenton,
Padgett, A	Sandy Plains,
Parnell, D	Webb's Ford,
Patterson, H W	Edneysville,
Pendergrass, J F	Tusquitee,
Pardue, W H	Jonesville,
Powell, Jesse	Dawson's X Roads,
Rayfield, T	Pactolus, Pitt,
Rhem, William B	Kinston,
Ross, James	Windsor,
Repeton, A P	Wilmington,
Robertson, John	Madison,
Ray, D J	Whiteville,
Rickman, M	Claytonsville,
Richeson, N	Carthage,
Roby, A	Walnut Lane,
Reid, James	Cashie's Valley,
Rockley, P	Clinton,
Readman, A	New Hope, Iredell,
Skinner, T E	Raleigh,
Spivey, H S	Belford,
Sherrell, T J S	Qualatown,
Stradley, Thomas	Ashville,
Stough, A L	*Not known,*
Senter, S	Chalk Level,
Seago, M	Lilesville,
Spivey, A J	Windsor,
Stone, I	Lumberton,
Smith, Thomas	Ellisville,
Smith, P H	Wrightsville,
Swaim, S D	Jonesville,
Smith, S P	Brier Creek, Wilks,
Solomon, J B	Warrenton,
Speight, H	Gatesville,
Terrell, J	Francisco,
Turner, William	Salem,

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Tindale, N	Sneedsboro, N C
Tobey, T W	Yanceyville,
Trotman, Q H	Hertford,
Twine, A	Powell's Point,
Waff, Thomas	Ballard's Bridge,
Wilder, Samuel	Wakefield,
Wingate, W M	Forestville,
Williams, A	Lexington,
Woodward, H	Clinton,
Williams, L F	Faison's Depot,
Wallace, G W	Bear Branch,
Wells, David,	Harrell's Store,
Wait, Samuel	Oxford,
Walters, W T	Forestville,
White, J K	Hall's X Roads, Franklin,
Wilcox, Thomas,	Brinkleyville,
Webb, J M	Rutherfordton,
Wilkey, J	Rutherfordton,
Wells, D	Harrell's Store,
Weaver, A	*Not known,*
Williams, E C	Beaver Dam,
West, E W	Mount Airy,
Wilson, J C	New Hill,
West, Isaac	Sill's Creek,
Utley, J	Newbern,
Vernon, —	White Hall,
Yarbrough, T S	Pittsboro.

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